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COLA decreases in response to exchange rate change

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter

Korea Region Public Affairs

YONGSAN -- Due to the recent increase in the exchange rate, Korea received a 2-point decrease in the Cost Of Living Allowance rate. The change went into effect July 1.

As an example of how the change will impact Soldiers, Sonni Howard, staff account with 175th Finance Command, said for an E6 with two dependents and 10 years of service it equates to a \$35.10 a month decrease.

Howard said changes based on exchange rates are not made at the local level, but come from the Per Diem, Travel & Transportation Committee in Washington, D.C.

"Exchange rates are monitored daily by the Per Diem Committee using a tracking model and algorithm. The tracking model can recommend currency adjustments that can generate an increase, decrease, or a 'no change' to the current COLA index,"

Howard said.

If there is an increase or decrease, both the exchange rate and COLA index are immediately adjusted effective with the next available pay period. Exchange rates are reviewed every two weeks and can be adjusted semi-monthly if necessary.

While the change will affect military COLA, Howard said it will not impact the post allowances -- the civilian equivalent of COLA -- received by Department of Defense civilian employees.

"The civilian post allowance is not affected by currency fluctuations," she said. "The post allowances will be revised based on changes in the classification of the post, payment table, employees salary and family size."

COLA has been authorized for U.S. Forces Korea personnel since June 2003. The rate last changed in March 2005, when the exchange rate led to a 2-point increase.

Shaggy style



Pvt. Victoria Moor

Reggae artist Shaggy lights up the night at Camp Stanley during a June 30 concert held as part of Independence Day weekend festivities. In addition to the hundreds who turned out for the Stanley concert, Shaggy also performed at camps Casey, Humphreys and Walker, and Yongsan Garrison over the holiday weekend. A former Marine, known then as Orville Richard Burrell, Shaggy thanked the servicemembers at his shows for the job they do. "Keep doing what you're doing," he said. "I appreciate the job you guys do."

First U.S. engagement in Korean War remembered

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

Commemorations marking the 55th anniversary of the first two engagements of United Nations/U.S. forces with the North Koreans during the Korean War were held July 5 in Osan and July 8 in Chonan.

In remarks to the more than 250 people at the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Martz, 2 UEx assistant division commander (Maneuver), called Task Force Smith, "one of the opening shots of a war of ideologies that continues even today."

The first shots from United Nations/U.S. forces were fired shortly after 8 a.m. from their position at Jukmi Pass Osan. Sustained fighting began at 2:30 p.m. and raged for seven hours. At the end of the day, nearly one-third of the 540 Soldiers of Task Force Smith were killed, wounded or missing in action. They had faced an estimated 20,000 enemy forces.

Martz told the audience that Task Force Smith was one of the events that, "set conditions for the economic and democratic emergence of the Republic of Korea."

Just as, more than half a century ago, United



F. NEIL NEELEY

Brig. Gen. Steven M. Anderson (R) Deputy Commander USFK Advance Element examines the monument commemorating the battle of Cheon-An with Chang Soo-kun (L) Director of the National HQ of the Korean Freedom League and Chi Kap-chong (C) President of the UN Korean War Association. The three examined the monument at the conclusion of the ceremony held July 8.

Nations/U.S. forces faced the enemy three days later in Chonan, Korean and American civilians and military currently serving and living here gathered at Martin Memorial Park in Chonan to pay homage to the 98 American Soldiers who sacrificed their

lives in the effort to delay the advance of the enemy.

"The battle at Chonan, fought largely by Soldiers of the 34th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division ... was a holding action ... Designed to buy time. The cost was high ... Only 175 men of the original unit of more than 500 survived the battle," stated Brig. Gen. Steven M. Anderson, deputy commanding general, U.S. Forces Korea Advance Element, in remarks to the approximately 200 people in attendance. "Many brave Korean soldiers also stood their ground as long as they could ... And many of them died where they stood rather than yield any more sacred Korean soil to the enemies of freedom."

Four days after the Battle of Chonan, Col. Robert R. Martin was awarded the first Distinguished Service Cross given for action in the Korean War.

According to a January 10, 2000 release through the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the thirty-seven months of the war would see 36,940 Americans lose their lives during the war, and over eight thousand still missing in action. Losses to other United Nations forces totaled 16,532.

The citizens of Korea suffered casualties of over 3 million with 415,004 deaths in the Republic of Korea.

Coin Check! Don't get caught without one

By 1st Lt Michelle Estep

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE – There I was ... hanging out one evening in a squadron lounge minding my own business when the normal sights and sounds of the place were suddenly interrupted by an overwhelming roar of numerous metal objects tapping on glass.

I looked around to see what was causing the commotion only to realize that someone at the bar had initiated a coin check.

Uh oh.

Frantic, I patted my pockets, searched my jacket and rummaged through my purse. My heart was racing, and I began calculating how much money I was going to have to spend within the next few minutes if I couldn't find this darn thing.

With my jacket turned inside out and the contents of my purse all over the table, I realized that I was indeed going to be "that girl", — the only one without her coin.

As I looked up and saw all eyes on me, I remembered that for emergencies such as this I had stashed a coin in my key chain wallet.

I prayed as I unzipped the hidden pocket. Sure enough, there it was — the shiniest most beautiful military coin I'd ever laid eyes on.

I grabbed it and held it high in the air for all the world to see. I wasn't going to have to spend my paycheck on beer after all.

I assume many of you have found yourself in similar situations, particularly here at "The Kun." With the squadron lounges and the Loring Club being as popular as they are, everyone is bound to get caught in a coin check at least once while stationed here.

Sadly, people often take part in traditions solely because they're classified as such, but they don't really take the time or effort to understand what they're doing and why they're doing it.

So, before you partake in your next coin check, I'd like to take a moment

to teach you what I've researched to be the history and rules of the military challenge coin ...

History of the coin

During World War I, American volunteers from all parts of the country joined the military in hopes to become part of the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war.

In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to the men in his unit.

One young pilot decided to carry his

"... people often take part in traditions solely because they're classified as such, but they don't really take the time or effort to understand what they're doing and why they're doing it."

coin in a leather pouch around his neck. Shortly after the distribution of the medallions, the pilot was sent into combat. His aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire, and he was

forced to land behind enemy lines.

He was immediately captured by a German patrol and, in order to discourage his escape, they took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck.

One night, after being taken to a small French town near the front, he took the opportunity during a bombardment to don civilian clothes and escape.

He reached the front lines and stumbled into a French outpost. Not trusting his American accent, the French thought him to be another German saboteur and made plans to execute him.

The pilot had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion.

He showed the medallion to his captors, and one of the would-be executioners recognized the squadron insignia. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity.

Once identified, instead of shooting him, the French gave the pilot a hot meal and a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion, or coin, at all times. This was accomplished through constantly conducting challenges, known today as coin checks.

Independence Day(s) celebrated in style

Having just celebrated our nation's most poignant holiday, Independence Day, I was struck by the number of employees in our workforce across the peninsula who sacrificed their holiday(s) so others in our communities could enjoy the events of the extended holiday weekend.

It would not be possible to hold the hundreds of outstanding events, many depicted throughout this edition of the newspaper, that took place across the four Area Commands were it not for the numerous dedicated Soldiers and civilian employees from the Areas' Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorates, community relations offices, fire, medical and law enforcement offices, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, numerous volunteer organizations such as Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers, and the many private organizations that support our communities.



Pulling off events of this magnitude takes tremendous coordination, planning, personal effort and leadership. Even the weather during early July in Korea can provide significant challenges to outdoor activities, but Peninsula-wide the MWR managers and community relations teams led the way.

The overall success of our

celebrations was rooted in the enthusiastic and giving attitude of our employees and countless volunteers. The dedication by volunteers from every corner of our communities, including our sister services, who took time away from their families during this holiday to make things happen was absolutely inspiring.

These individuals epitomize our Army values, especially Selfless Service, and their extraordinary efforts carried the day.

Sincere thanks to all members of the Team who contributed to such a great and safe holiday weekend as we celebrated the birth of our great nation, far from home and on Freedom's Frontier.

Well Done ... and thanks for what you do everyday!

Hooah!

H. T. Landwermeyer Jr.
BG, USA
Director, IMA-KORO

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NEWS & NOTES

**Community Bank
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All branches of Community Bank located on military installations in the Republic of Korea will be closed Aug. 8 and 20. The bank is normally open Saturdays but will be closed these dates to allow branches to be open Aug. 1 and 15 -- both military pay days. For information, contact the local branch of Community Bank.

509th PSB Helpline

The 509th Personnel Services Battalion is now offering a call-in service for personnel questions regarding redeployment orders, promotions, clearing and more. On post, call 550-4747. Off post or from a cell phone, call 0505-724-4747.

The line operates from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours and on weekends, callers may leave a message and will be contacted by PSB staff when the office reopens.

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Airmen share culture with Koreans

By Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE – Wolf Pack members got the opportunity to see what it's like on the "other side of the fence" recently when they spent the night learning and sharing experiences with more than 20 Korean families from nearby Jeonju City.

Airmen from several base squadrons volunteered for the Korean Red Cross Cultural Awareness Program to learn about Korean culture and to help Koreans learn about American customs.

"I always wanted to see the world, meet new people and have a good time doing it," said Senior Airman Jennifer Babb, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron information manager.

When she learned about the cultural awareness program, she was all for it. "I wanted to get the chance to spend time with a Korean family and learn the local customs," she added.

Babb said a lot of people may be a bit apprehensive about spending the night with strangers, but she was excited about the new experience.

Once she completes her upgrade training, the airman plans to volunteer for even more programs and to get out and see as much of Korea as she can.

"I wanted as many children as possible to benefit from the American military being here."

Jimmy Song, program chairman,
Cultural Awareness Program

they were eager to practice speaking English with the (airmen).

"The program is a good way for the children to learn some things they



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

Senior Airman Thomas Bookhart, 8th Logistic Readiness Squadron, talks with Kim Kyungsun. Bookhart was paired with Kyungsun's family for the cultural awareness program.

Kim Soojin, a program volunteer, also teaches at the elementary school where many of the children who were paired with the Americans attend.

Kim said the kids were thrilled about their upcoming sleep-over experience.

"The children were excited about learning the American culture," she said.

"Korean children begin learning English in the third grade, and many of

haven't been taught in school. English is a very powerful language," she added. "This program gives the children a head start on improving their language skills."

Jimmy Song, the program chairman, came up with the idea for the cultural awareness program more than a year ago when he wanted to give the children of Jeonju the same experience the children in Kunsan were getting.

"We've already had a similar program like this for three years in Kunsan, but not 45 minutes up the road in Jeonju," he said. "I wanted as many children as possible to benefit from the American military being here."

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Army programs combat rising divorce rate

By Monica Barrera

Army News Service

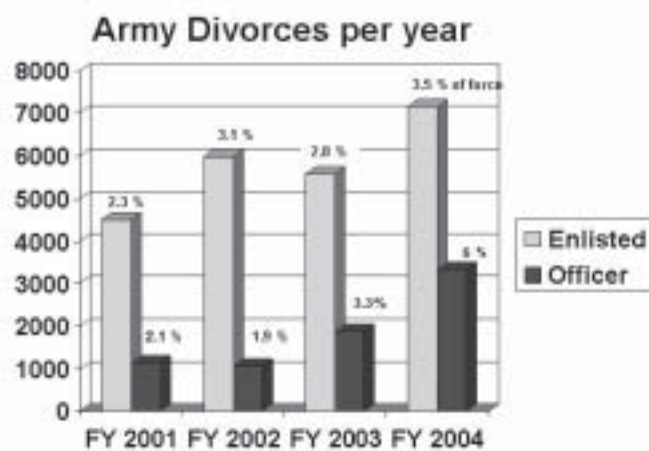
WASHINGTON – An increase of divorces among active-duty Soldiers has Army chaplains undertaking a number of programs to combat the rising trend and help Soldiers cope.

Divorces among officers tripled from fiscal year 2002 to 2004, according to statistics compiled by the Defense Manpower Data Center. After Operation Iraqi Freedom began, there was an increase of 3,024 divorces Army-wide.

"These statistics are a sign of a loss of a dream. People don't get married to divorce," said Army Chaplain Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of the Ministry Initiatives Directorate for the Office of the Chief of Chaplains.

Several programs now help Soldiers cope with life and parenting after divorce. Divorce Care Support groups and Divorce Parenting classes are mandatory for Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas.

"We recognize [Soldiers] come because they are required,"



said Lt. Col. David Scheider, director of Family Life Chaplain Training Center at Fort Hood. "But it is difficult to get time off on a duty day, so the requirement makes leaders willing to let them go."

Also available is Army One Source which is a toll-free nationwide number as well as a Web site that allows Soldiers to contact a consultant regarding life's issues. Through this service, Soldiers and their families have access of up to six in-person counseling sessions at no cost to them.

Although deployment is an indicator of the stress on the force, both Bloomstrom and Scheider agreed that the problem is that many couples do not have the skills needed to make their marriage work. "Anytime there is a lot of stress, there is a higher opportunity for people to stray," said Scheider.

Marital skills have been studied by researchers at the University of Denver. The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health through the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program. PREP is known for thorough empirical research. Through PREP findings, Army chaplains are educating Soldiers and their families with coping skills and the skills needed to make a marriage successful. Chaplains have established several programs and services in the Army that are designed to help couples manage stresses associated with the military lifestyle. Bloomstrom said all of the programs focus on three primary areas: awareness, attitudes and skills.

The Building Strong and Ready Families program "was the first marriage education program that was systemically and systematically implemented in the Army," said Bloomstrom, who has been involved with the program since its origin in 1999. BSRF was first established at Hawaii's 25th Infantry Division Artillery.

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Korean employees honored for half century of service

Sgt. Christopher Selmek
Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN – Three Korean civilian employees from the 175th Finance Command were recognized for 50 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Army in a ceremony recently at Balboni Theatre. Paek Un-hyon, Yun Sok-sun and Myong Pom-sik received certificates and congratulations from Col. Jeffery D. Field, commander, 175th FINCOM.

“Today we recognize not one, not two, but three distinguished Korean employees from our payroll division for 50 years of service,” said Field. “We all know that 20 years is a commitment of no small measure, and 30 years is an outstanding length of service, but we really have no precedent for 50 years of service.”

“We can only offer our thanks, and say that I’m proud of you all and I respect what you do.”

Paek began his service in 1954 as a security guard with the 5th Ordnance Company at Camp Market, which relocated to Camp Carroll in April of 1964. In May 1978, he was promoted to stock control clerk with the Material Support Command.

In May 1980, Paek received a promotion to the Korean National Pay Office on Yongsan, where he worked for 25 years. Paek and his wife have two sons, three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons. He retired June 30 to spend more time with them.

Yun’s service began in April 1955 as a civilian pay technician in the Koreans National Pay Office, 1st Finance at Camp Market. In

June 1969, that office consolidated into the Korean Pay Office in Yongsan. She retired June 30 after 35 years in that position.

Myong began service in June 1955 as a property and supply clerk for the Signal Depot on Camp Market. In July 1957, he accepted a position as a civilian pay technician in the Korean Pay Office with U.S. Finance and Accounting Command.

In January 1962, he was promoted to chief of the Korean Pay Division, a position he has filled for 43 years.

In his time as chief, he has seen paydays for Korean National Employees transform from a manual process where employees picked up their paychecks in brown paper bags to the current automated system that provides electronic fund transfers directly to the employees’ bank account.

Myong said he has no immediate plans to retire, but is currently seeking to train a replacement. He has previously been offered promotions away from Yongsan, but chose to stay because he loves his job so much.

“I feel honored to receive this certificate from the commanding general,” he said. “This job has allowed me to support my family and myself for 50 years, and I feel very lucky that I have been able to do that.”



Yun Sok-sun



Paek Un-hyon



Myong Pom-sik

Culture

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In his recent conversation with Rosemary Song, 8th Fighter Wing



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

Senior Airman Jennifer Babb, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is fitted with a traditional Korean dress during her stay with the Ko family from Jeonju City.

Public Affairs community relations chief, Mr. Song got the program extended to Jeonju.

“I knew the children and their families in Jeonju would benefit from this experience,” Mr. Song added. “So far, I’ve already found a boy who likes soccer and was able to pair him with an American who likes soccer a lot as well. Now the boy will be able to learn things about soccer he may not have known.”

“This opportunity gives children an understanding of the world outside the Korean peninsula,” he said. “They learn that the people outside of Korea are just like them in as many ways as they are different.”

“This program is all about understanding and I hope if it’s possible, we can continue this learning from each other for many years to come.”

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Area I Support Activity welcomes new leader



By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — Area I Support Activity Soldiers and civilians welcomed a new leader June 30 in a change of command ceremony here.

Col. Forrest Newton took command from Col. Jeff Christiansen.

“This will be a time of change,” Newton said. “It will be a time of seizing opportunities to demonstrate how we can and will enable the warfighters of Area I.”

Area I Support Activity is one of four regional units in the Installation Management Agency in Korea. The agency supports tenant units on all U.S. installations in the Republic of Korea.

“You’ve got a great outfit here,” Brig. Gen. H.T. Landwermeyer Jr. told the new commander.

Landwermeyer is the IMA, Korea Region director.

“I know you’re going to take them to the next level,” he said, “and continue the great partnership with the Warrior Division.”

More than 11,000 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers are stationed on Area I installations.

Landwermeyer praised the work of the Area I team.

The unit employs more than 1,700 Koreans and nearly 300 U.S. Department of Army civilians.

“The Area I team has been fully involved in supporting the Warrior

Division’s high-op tempo training efforts on a daily basis,” Landwermeyer said.

The past two years have been marked with great transition, as the 2nd Infantry Division redeployed a brigade to Iraq, and the garrisons continue to ready bases in the Western Corridor and camps Page, Falling Water and LaGuardia for closure and return to the Korean government.

Christiansen led the unit’s reorganization from under the 19th Theater Support Command to the Installation Management Agency. He served as commander for three years.

“During my time in command,” Christiansen said, “I came to realize my job was to simply inspire Soldiers and civilians. My job was to make life better.”

Christiansen departed Korea to become the Military District of Washington provost marshal.

Newton said he will not dwell on plans. “Like the great American philosopher and former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson said, ‘Everybody’s got a plan until they get hit’,” Newton remarked. “What we’re going to do is discuss plans, but seize opportunities.”

Newton comes to Area I from an assignment as the U.S. Army Inspector General School commandant at Fort Belvoir, Va.

He began his military career with the

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Area I Support Activity

Area I manages U.S. Army installations near the Korean demilitarized zone through two garrisons:

- U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, is in Dongducheon, a community of about 70,000 Koreans. The city is located 17 miles south of the demilitarized zone.
- U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud, is in Uijeongbu. The enclave is made up of camps Red Cloud, Stanley, Essayons, Jackson, Sears and Kyle. Uijeongbu is 20 miles north of Seoul and has more the 360,000 residents.
- Area I Support Activity has more than 1,700 Korean employees, nearly 300 U.S. Department of the Army civilians and about 150 Soldiers.

Quick Facts

Camp Casey leader arrives as well

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY — The new Camp Casey garrison commander took the reigns of leadership June 29 at an indoor ceremony at the Carey Physical Fitness Center.

Lt. Col. Terry Hodges assumed command from Lt. Col. Stephen Murray.

“I’m blessed to once again safely return to the Camp Casey Enclave and Western Corridor,” Hodges said. “I once proudly wore the Indianhead patch of the 2nd Infantry Division.”

In 1989, Hodges was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division where he served as the division chemical staff officer and executive officer, 4th Chemical Company.

“I look forward to the many tough command challenges; however, please know that I ask all of you for your continued support,” Hodges told the Soldiers and civilians at his change of command ceremony.

The U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, is responsible for installation management for camps Casey, Hovey, Mobile, Castle, Nimble, Warrior Base and the Korea Training Center at Rodriguez Range. The organization is also responsible for preparing the bases in the Western Corridor for return to the Republic of Korea.

During Murray’s command, camps Liberty Bell, Greaves, Giant, Garry Owen, Stanton, Howze and Edwards were vacated by U.S. forces.

Murray called out the names of several key staff members during his departure speech.

“Your efforts last fall in the Western Corridor camp closure campaign were Herculean,” he said. “Now your efforts in facilitating camp returns is of strategic importance.”

While this mission is still in progress, Hodges takes charge of the garrison.

Hodges recently completed duty with the U.S. Joint Forces Command as chief of the command and control section; analyst; researcher and subject matter expert at the Joint Center for Operational Analysis- Lessons Learned in Suffolk, Va.

Hodges is a Jackson State University graduate, Jackson, Miss., where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. Later, he attended Central Michigan University and completed a Master of Science degree in administration.

“I am further blessed to not only lead some of the greatest Soldiers, civilians and Korean personnel,” Hodges said, “but to work hand-in-hand with numerous other great leaders from the U.S. and Korea.”

Murray departed Korea after two years in command to join his family in Wasilla, Alaska. He retires after 20 years as an infantry officer.



PHOTOS BY DAVID MCNALLY

Lt. Col. Terry Hodges assumes command of the U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey June 29 at an indoor ceremony at the Carey Physical Fitness Center.



Korean Service Corps employees and Camp Casey garrison Soldiers stand in formation for the inclement weather ceremony.

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NEWS & NOTES

Incheon Shuttle Service

The Camp Red Cloud Incheon Express Shuttle now departs CRC at 7:05 a.m. instead of at 6 a.m.

Financial Advisor Visit

The University of Maryland University College financial advisor will visit the Camp Stanley Education Center 1 – 4 p.m. Tuesday to advise Soldiers about eligibility for financial assistance to purchase textbooks and other issues. Call 732-5915 to make an appointment.

Customer Service Point Closures

All Customer Service Points, commonly known as Central Issue Facilities, will be closed Tuesday – July 22 for training. Personnel needing to turn in items during this time should contact their supply room.

Special Forces Recruiting

Army E-4 through E-7 or O-2 through O-3 (year group 03), with a GT score of 100 or higher, U.S. citizenship and an APFT score of 229 or above, may qualify for the U.S. Army Special Forces. Weekly briefings are held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Camp Casey Education Center. For information, call 738-1818.

Summer Trips, Activities

The USO, Community Activity Centers and Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers program all host trips to locations throughout Korea. For information, visit the public affairs intranet site, <http://8army/sites/2id/Staff/pao/default.aspx>. The Pear Blossom Cottages also offer classes, events and services.

Safety Training

The Safety Certification Class for additional duty unit safety officers and noncommissioned officers will be at Building S-1504, Camp Casey at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. For information, call 730-4234.

Commissary Spending

All U.S. Forces Korea Members registered in the Defense Biometrics Identification System can now view their commissary spending online at <https://pimsk.korea.army.mil>. Some DBIDS registration information is also shown to assist USFK members in keeping their registration information current. If any corrections need to be made, visit any DBIDS registration center to update information.

Korean Employee Training

The Area I Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct Introduction to Supervision of Korean Employees training in English 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. July 26 in the CPAC classroom on Camp Red Cloud. Those interested in attending must submit form DD-1556 and an Individual Development Plan to Han Kyu-un by Tuesday. For information, call 732-9060.

Uijeongbu road-widening project continues



DAVID McNALLY

Yi Moon-il, a Korean construction worker, helps demolish the former 552nd Signal Company building near the Camp Red Cloud fence line. The Uijeongbu city government recently released nearly \$13 million to fund the road-widening project. The plan includes construction of a new CRC main gate, the movement of the bus station, taxi stand, gas station and several units. An agreement between Area I and Uijeongbu was originally signed in Dec. 23, 2003; however, the project was on hold until the city provided the necessary funds.

CRC firefighters battle on the soccer field

Friendly competition spreads to Uijeongbu, CRC fire departments

By Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMPRED CLOUD — Firefighters from the Uijeongbu Fire Department joined Camp Red Cloud Fire Services here July 6 for an annual friendship soccer match.

“This event enhances our friendships and working relationship,” said Chief John Cook, CRC fire chief. “We already have a mutual aid agreement, so when we get everyone together face-to-face for some fun, it helps when we have to respond to a call.”

Cook said they chose to hold a soccer tournament because soccer is a popular sport in Korea.

“All the firefighters are Korean, so it’s a sport they can play and enjoy,” he

explained.

Around 80 people gathered at the soccer field on post for the match. The Camp Red Cloud firefighters beat the Uijeongbu team 6-2 before heading to the pavilion to enjoy a barbecue friendship dinner.

Last year, the Uijeongbu Fire Service hosted the event at the NBC Studio soccer field in Uijeongbu. The CRC team won that tournament as well.

“Everyone likes to win, but for me, the friendships built are the most important part,” Cook said.

In addition to the annual soccer match, officials from both departments meet regularly for friendship lunches.

“I know all of Uijeongbu Fire Department’s chiefs and assistant chiefs,” Cook said. “It really helps if we ever have to do something beyond mutual aid. I feel that if I need something, they won’t have a problem helping out; and if they ever need something, they know that we will do all we can.”

Cook explained the intent of mutual aid in fire service is to help with an emergency beyond the ability of the responding unit.

“It also helps when [we] need special equipment,” he said. “For example, if we need a ladder truck, or they need a truck with better foam capabilities, we can help each other out. It goes both ways.”

Cook said they have often been called to help fight large fires in the city, and the Uijeongbu Fire Department has come on base to help respond twice since he’s been chief.



SPC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Oh Tong-hwan, Camp Red Cloud firefighter (right), tries to get the ball from a member of the Uijeongbu Fire Service team at the annual friendship soccer match July 6.

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Area I DOL recovers, reuses millions in furniture

Western Corridor furniture project proves to be a challenge

By Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP HOWZE — Although all units have departed the Western Corridor, there is still work to be done before the bases can be returned to the Korean government. The Area I Directorate of Logistics has been tasked with recovering all furnishings from

Warrior Country's closing camps.

Area I Logistics director T.J. Welin said this means clearing 1,775 rooms with more than 50,000 pieces of furniture from six camps in the Western Corridor.

"This is the largest furniture movement in Korea," Welin said. "It's comparable to the base closures in Europe."

Welin said they have to inventory all furniture, classify it as serviceable or unserviceable, separate it and then

coordinate transfer or disposal with multiple agencies.

Unserviceable furniture is separated by like items, inventoried and disposed of. Welin estimates 80 percent of the furniture they recover will be classified as unserviceable.

The remaining, serviceable furniture will be redistributed throughout Korea.

"We've already returned over \$1 million in dining facility equipment to other facilities in the peninsula," Welin said, "and because of all the furniture from these bases, we won't have to buy furniture in Area I for a long time."

"We have more than enough demand for the furniture," agreed James Richardson Jr., deputy director. "All the furniture we redistribute throughout the peninsula is a cost avoidance of over \$10 million."

Welin said recovering the furniture has been a challenge.

"We have people working 10 hours a day, six days a week to get this done," he said. "The sooner we can close bases, the more money we can save. It costs a lot to keep them open."

The biggest issue has been the weather, Richardson said.

"The contractors can't move the serviceable furniture when it is

raining, or it will damage the furniture," he explained. "So if it's a rainy day, we're not going to get much work done, and we're in monsoon season right now."

Even so, both men said they are pleased with the work their office has accomplished.

"The Western Corridor has been closed for six or seven months now, but we didn't get funding to start clearing the furniture until the end of April," Welin said. "Since then, we've completed Camp Greaves and 90 percent of camps Edwards and Stanton. We expect those to be finished within the next week, and our goal is to be finished with the Western Corridor by Aug. 31."

"And we accomplish all this as expeditiously as possible while still continuing our mission of day-to-day support to our customers," Welin said.

The DOL is now in the planning stages of furnishings removal for camps LaGuardia, Page, Falling Water, Kyle, Sears and Nimble, while the Installation Property Book Office is coordinating redistribution of the furniture throughout Area I.

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Korean workers remove furniture from a vacant Camp Howze barracks July 6.

Headphones are not a uniform option

Commentary by
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2nd Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major

CAMP RED CLOUD — Improper wear of headphones and earphones poses hazards to our Warriors.

The Warrior Standard, chapter 3, page 69, sets the guidelines for wearing headphones. This section reads in part, "Headphones/earphones will not be worn at any time while in the uniform. This includes cell phone earphones."

This rule also applies when riding the bus while in uniform.

Cell phone earphones are not part of the Army uniform. Leaders should make the correction when encountering Soldiers who are walking with cell phone earbuds in their ears.

Headphones can be convenient tools when properly used, but they are not part of the Army uniform. Headphones can also pose a safety hazard when improperly used.

The Warrior Standard reads, "Regardless of the uniform, Warriors will not jog, run, walk, ride bicycles, or operate machinery while wearing or using earphone-style audio systems."

The paragraph outlines the safety issues concerning wearing headphones during physical activity.

Soldiers running, walking or driving with headphones can't hear vehicular traffic, putting them at risk for serious injury. The wearing of headphones and earphones while jogging on



Headphones in uniform are prohibited.

Department of Defense installations is prohibited.

The headphones could also pose a safety risk by distracting the wearer while the Soldier is operating heavy machinery or other equipment.

"If headphones are on the head but not over or in the ears they are still unauthorized."

Wearing headphones in this manner detracts from the image of the disciplined Warrior and the appearance of the Army uniform.

All of our Warriors must guard against head injuries; no one is invincible.

Warriors conduct many activities outdoors, from training to recreation. It is incumbent upon leaders to ensure our Warriors conduct these activities in a safe environment with the proper supervision so that they remain ready to "Fight Tonight."

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U.S. Marines in 1968, where he served as a 1st Marine Division infantryman in Vietnam.

Newton completed his enlistment in 1971 as a Presidential Security Detachment sergeant at Camp David, Md. Following graduation from Eastern Michigan University, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 1982, he entered active duty in the military police corps.

Newton previously served in Korea as the 728th Military Police Battalion commander.

"Time to move out and draw fire buddy," Landwermeyer told Newton.

Following the change of command ceremony, the community welcomed the new commander with a Mitchell's Club reception.

Later, Newton gathered his commanders and key staff at the Camp Red Cloud Theater where he explained his command philosophy.

Newton said he wanted to know the issues and problems, and what the staff needs to do their job.

"We have a mission to take care of our Soldiers," he said. "We owe them our loyalty, dignity and respect."

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Brig. Gen. H. T. Landwermeyer Jr., Installation Management Agency, Korea Region director, (right) passes the Area I Support Activity colors to Col. Forrest Newton June 30 at the Camp Red Cloud Village Green.

Valor 6: Two years of teamwork

By Col. Timothy K. McNulty
Area II Support Activity Commander

YONGSAN — As I depart Area II for my new assignment, I would like to say farewell by highlighting some of the accomplishments we have made together here in Area II over the past two years, largely due to the “Area II: THE Assignment of Choice” program and others like it that invite the sharing of information and action to improve the community.



Col. Timothy McNulty

The “Area II: THE Assignment of Choice” program empowers the Area II Support Activity staff to take suggestions from community members and put them into action quickly. Many improvements on Yongsan Garrison and in Area II have been realized because community members, including Korean National employees, voiced their issues, interests and concerns during town hall meetings at Yongsan Garrison, Hannam Village and K-16, as well as during our quarterly radio town hall meetings or by using the Commander’s Suggestion Program or hotline. Additionally, we instituted a new Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, system linked to the Area II Web site that encourages customer feedback. We’ve been listening, and responding.

We have greatly enhanced Area II force protection by improving security at Yongsan and Camp Tango entrance and exit gates. We also enhanced the Area II courtesy patrol program that supports U.S. Forces Korea directives to combat prostitution and human trafficking.

Infrastructure improvements over the past two years include construction of Burke Towers, the overpass linking Yongsan Garrison’s Main and South posts that improves accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians, the completion of a modern Multi-Purpose Training Facility on South Post, groundbreaking for a new Community Activity Center at K-16 and renovations which began last month on the Hannam Village towers. We have recently brought on line 60 new field grade officer quarters and 252 new barracks spaces on Yongsan Garrison, plus completed more than \$1.5 million in barracks and BEQ renovations and upgrades in Area II.

Together, we have created a better place for middle school students and teens by opening a new Teen Center on Yongsan and a new middle school/teen

Area II Support Activity holds first organization day

By Cpl. Seo Ki-chul
Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — The Area II Support Activity celebrated its first annual organization day July 1 as Soldiers, civilians and family members gathered at Collier Field House for a barbecue and an afternoon of sports, games and prizes.

Activated in October 2003, Area II Support Activity took over the 34th Support Group base support mission in September 2004 as part of the Installation Management Agency - Korea Region. In addition to base operations support, its goal is to enhance quality of life and well-being initiatives at Yongsan and outlying Area II installations.

“It’s good to see your smiling faces this morning. As many of you know, I will be leaving in two weeks. But I hope today will be a great opportunity to talk about our successes in the past year. We owe these successes to you, and I applaud all of you for your work,” said outgoing Area II Commander, Col. Timothy K. McNulty, who turned over the Area II Support Activity colors to Col. Ronald C. Stephens Thursday during a change of command ceremony at Yongsan.

Following a barbecue at Lombardo Field, and visits from U.S. Forces Korea Commander, Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, Eighth Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell and IMA-KORO Director, Brig. Gen. H.T. Landwermeyer Jr., Area II Soldiers, Korean and American civilian employees and family members competed for trophies and bragging rights in several athletic events.

Competition was fierce as the



PHOTOS BY SGT. CHRISTOPHER SELMEK

Lee An-kwang performs a slow dance as Directorate of Logistics fans cheer at the final soccer match of the Area II Organization Day at Collier Field House July 1.

Directorate of Public Works edged out the Directorate of Logistics in volleyball, softball and soccer despite energetic fanfare from the logistics cheerleading section.

“Organization day gave us a chance to meet new people and enjoy a great time together,” said Sgt. Sandra Sipes, NCO in charge of the Property Control Branch Warehouse for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area II Support Activity. “Our section showed great team spirit and supported each other in the sports events.”

Overall, participants said the organization day built a sense of fellowship among Area II supporters.

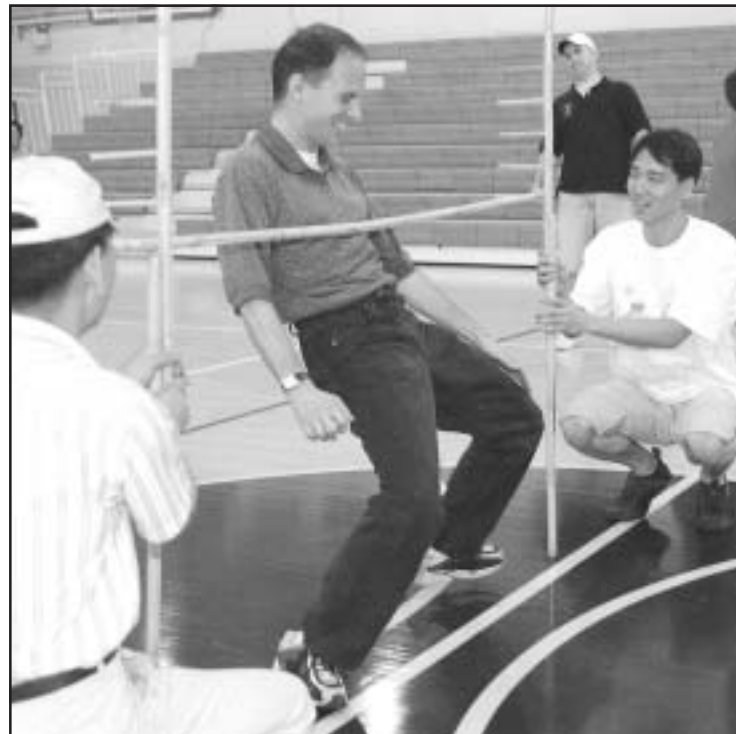
“It turned out to be a really good team-building experience between American and [Korean Augmentation To

the U.S. Army] Soldiers and all of the civilians,” said John Wright, deputy director of the Area II DOL.

Area II Support Activity’s top NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin N. Witt, commended the unit before presenting trophies and drawing for prizes at the end of the day. Grand prize raffle winners were Pfc. Victor Trujillo, who won an adult bicycle, and Staff Sgt. Stancey Mitchell, who won a child’s bike.

“Everyone worked together to make this day a success,” said Witt. “It was a great event because we brought all of our Soldiers and civilians together for a fun-filled day of activities, teamwork and camaraderie. It was great and it will be even better next year.”

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Randy Ross, Area II Safety, limbos along with the children at the Area II organization day at Collier Field House July 1.



Cpl. Kim Chan, left, Maintenance Shop clerk, Directorate of Logistics, Area II Support Activity faces off with Kim Eun-sung, right, electronic maintenance worker, Directorate of Public Works, at the Collier Field House soccer game finals July 1.



Left: Contestants gobble their slices during the watermelon eating contest, part of the July Fourth celebration at Collier Field House.

Above: A martial arts devotee flies through the air during a Hapkido demonstration at Collier Field House July 3.

PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

July 4th celebration ends with a bang

By Steve Davis

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Monsoon rains could not stop the July Fourth celebration this year at Yongsan Garrison. Though events had to be moved indoors July 2-3, the show went on, ending under clear skies July 4 with a grand finale of patriotic music and the colorful flash of fireworks.

“We knew rain was moving in and we were monitoring it closely,” said Mario Farrulla, chief of recreation for the Area II Support Activity. Farrulla and other MWR officials met daily at 7 a.m. throughout the holiday weekend to assess the weather situation.

As a result, all events July 2-3 – including a community carnival, performances by reggae artist Shaggy and country star Ty England – were moved inside Collier Field House. Shaggy drew an enthusiastic crowd of about 1,000. England attracted about 500, including outgoing Area II Support Activity Commander Col. Timothy K. McNulty, who dressed

like a cowboy to introduce England and his band.

“I’ve got my boots, I’ve got my spurs and I’ve got my six-gun,” said McNulty. “The rain dampened the ground today, but it didn’t dampen our spirits.”

McNulty credited the teamwork of the Area II Support Activity staff, sponsors and volunteers of the July Fourth celebration for pulling together to make the event happen. Sponsors included the New Seoul People to People organization, the Korean-American Relations Enterprise, the USO and Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers. Raffles were held to award prizes, including a round-trip airline ticket to the United States, throughout the weekend.

Their efforts to keep the celebration on track were appreciated by those spending their Independence Day weekend overseas.

“This is my second Fourth of July overseas,” said Sgt. Mark Lopez from U.S. Forces Korea J3, who was at the Ty England concert. “USO brought a little bit of home to us. It may not be like being back home

with family and friends, but I really appreciate it.”

Sgt. Mike Johnson, a medical specialist also at the Ty England concert, said “MWR put on a pretty good thing for us.” He said he was spending his third July Fourth weekend overseas.”

U.S. Forces Korea Commander, Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, also at the England concert with his wife Judy, said he has spent as many as 12 Independence Day weekends overseas during his career. He visited England before the performance to thank him for coming to Korea to entertain.

England said he was surprised and flattered to meet Gen. LaPorte. “I didn’t know whether to take my hat off or not,” said England, who throughout his performance expressed his appreciation to those serving overseas.

Rain subsided July 4 and fireworks went off without a hitch, ending the holiday weekend with a bang.

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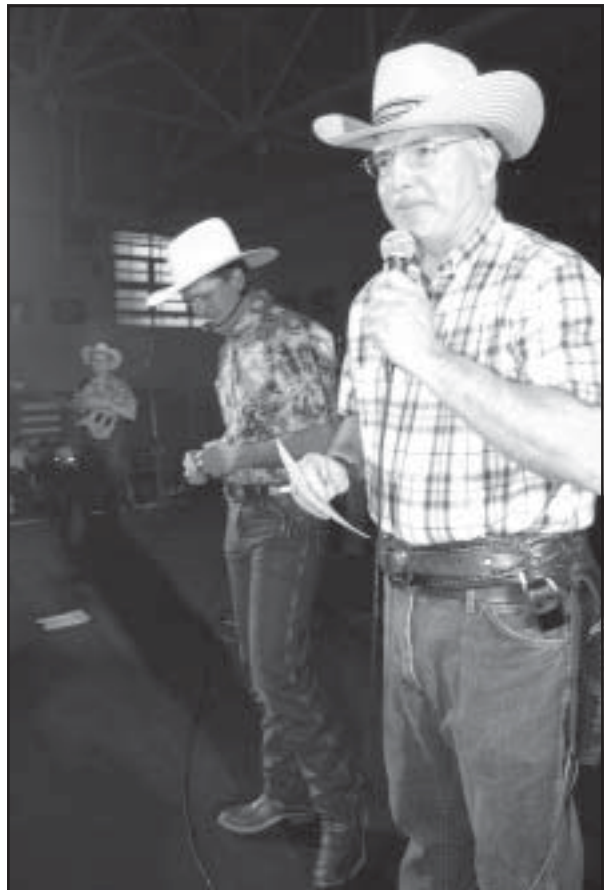
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Alexandra Medina, with patriotic ribbons and a flag on her cheek, plays with Ellie the dog just before the fireworks show at Collier Field House July 4.



Above: Reggae artist Shaggy entertains a crowd of about 1,000 at Collier Field House during the three-day Area II Independence Day celebrations.

Left: Visitors line up for flags and balloons before fireworks July 4.



In cowboy hat, jeans, boots and a six-shooter, Col. Timothy K. McNulty teams up with country star Ty England to announce prize winners during Area II Independence Day festivities July 3.

Safety campaign ends with fewer citations

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Fewer Area II drivers received citations during the 2005 National Safety Belt Campaign conducted from June 27 to July 11 than during the 2004 “Click-it or Ticket” campaign.

Fifteen drivers received citations during this year’s two-week campaign compared to 42 last year, according to Sgt. First Class Gregory Dickerson, Area II provost sergeant.

“The whole point [of the campaign] is to re-emphasize the importance of safety,” he said. “I think we’ve done an excellent job, and the fact that the number of citations given out was drastically reduced is a very positive effect of

the Korean National Police enforcement and also of people understanding the message we’re trying to get across.”

Safety belt usage is mandated both by the Department of Defense and the Republic of Korea, so Soldiers have a requirement to wear their safety belts both on and off post. Random checks at all gates are performed by Military Police throughout the two weeks of the campaign to ensure compliance with this standard.

“Most people don’t realize that the Korean police will pull you over and issue you a ticket for failing to buckle your safety belt,” said Dickerson. “If a driver is cited for failing to use the safety belt, points will be added to

his or her driving record and the chain of command will be notified for further actions.”

The MPs also try to educate people on the need for safety through various banners strung up around post, and also through a presentation at the newcomers brief to highlight traffic laws while in Korea, said Dickerson.

Safety, he added, is an even more important concern than just getting a ticket.

“Based upon the statistics we get from all over Area II, we know that personnel wearing safety belts have a much greater survival rate in the event of an accident,” he said.

Dickerson said many people fail to put on the seatbelt because they are in a hurry, or because they think the trip

is too short to warrant proper safety, which he said simply is not true.

“Statistically, most people get killed within a five to ten minute radius of their home,” he said. “A lot of times we get in a rush moving around inside our vehicle, and we get into a relaxed mode.”

Even though the annual campaign has finished, the law remains the same and enforcement will continue in the form of traffic checkpoints and friendly reminders from gate guards. The rules are designed to keep drivers safe, and the MPs are only trying to keep people alive.

As the saying goes, “Click-it or Ticket.”

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center at Hannam Village. These physical improvements work towards raising the quality of life in Area II.

Columbus Day festivals, the MWR Concert Series and many new sports and recreation programs also improve our quality of life. We have begun new programs like the Child and Youth Services drama, dance and video game clubs, as well as computer classes and a career support group for spouses. We have also worked diligently with local educators and earned recognition from the Department of Defense Dependent schools that our programs have set the standard for how a military community should build

relationships with schools. As a result, Area II students are high achievers and an overwhelming majority of our high school graduates win scholarships and go on to college.

We have sought new and more efficient ways to support Soldiers, Department of Defense and Korean National civilian employees, and family members through Army Community Services and other Area II Support Activity organizations.

Literally hundreds of community relation events have strengthened our bond with the Korean community, including a student intern program between Area II and two Korean universities. We have

made great friends here. I am particularly grateful to the Yongsan-gu and Bupyeong-gu Korean-American Friendship Councils, the Korean-American Relations Enterprise and the New Seoul People-to-People International Chapter for their warm send-off as my family returns to the United States.

These are only a few highlights of the many things we’ve done together. Thanks for all the support. I wish you all the best. Through your participation and support, we have a great community. I know you’ll provide the new Area II Commander, Col. Ron Stephens, the same outstanding support you provided Kathy and me.

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NEWS & NOTES

South Post Power Outage
A five-hour scheduled power outage is planned 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. July 23 on parts of Yongsan South Post, excluding Dragon Hill Lodge, to replace electrical transformers. A map of the affected area can be seen on the Commander’s Access Channel (Channel 3).

Yongsan Filling Station Hours Extended
Weekend hours have been extended two hours at the Yongsan Filling Station. Hours are now 7 a.m.-7p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

Hannam Village Yard Sale
Pre-register before Wednesday for the Hannam Village community-wide yard sale. Fee is \$5 for one table and two chairs. The yard sale takes place from 8 a.m.-noon. For information, call 723-8950 or 011-9189-0996.

ACS 40th Birthday Barbeque
Army Community Service will host a 40th birthday celebration 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. July 22 at the Community Service Building. There will be a barbeque, prizes and face painting for kids. For information, call 738-7505.

CSP Closure
All area Customer Service Points (CSP/

CIF) will be closed Tuesday thru July 22 for training. For information, call 753-5807.
Housing Office Hours
Through Aug. 25, the Yongsan Housing Office (Bldg. 4106) will be open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, including lunch hours. For information, call 738-4069.

Yongsan Lanes Closure
The Yongsan Bowling Center, including the snack bar and game room area, will be closed Aug.1 – 12 for scheduled lane resurfacing. For information, call 723-7830.

Summer Reading Club
All 5 to 12-year-olds are invited to experience a summer long reading fantasy called “Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds” at the Yongsan and Hannam Village Libraries at 1 p.m. now through Aug. 5. For information, call 723-7300.

The Dating Game in Bentley’s Pub
Bentley’s Pub in Dragon Hill Lodge will host the “Dating Game” Wednesday. The winning couple will win a dinner for two at Sables restaurant. This is all for fun, so don’t be nervous. For information, call 738-2222, ext. 24.

Good Neighbor Event
The Camp Kim USO will host a Good Neighbor event 12:15 – 4 p.m. July 28 and 29. Forty children are coming to the USO to meet and get to know U.S.

servicemembers. You’ll eat lunch together and then go bowling. Please sign up early for an afternoon of goodwill, “Good Neighbors” and good times. For information, call 724-7781 or 011-351-9014.

Camp Adventure
Yongsan/Hannam School-Age Services and Camp Adventure Youth Services will host summer recreation programs for children first through fifth grades through Aug. 19. Program activities include weekly field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, songs, games, and individual age group activities. For information, call 738-4707 or 723-4522.

American Red Cross Position Openings
The American Red Cross Volunteer Program has immediate openings for a records chairman, chairman of volunteers and a medical chairman. For information, call 738-3670.

Special Duty as an Inspector General
The office of the Inspector General, United States Forces Korea and Eighth U.S. Army is looking for branch qualified commissioned officers in the grades of captain through major to serve as inspectors. For information, e-mail bryantsb@korea.army.mil or call 723-4007.

Yongsan Weight Support Group

The Yongsan Weight Support Group hosts a 12-week weight management program. All participants can learn how to burn fat, to shrink fat cells and to lose weight. For information, call 010-8671-7461 or e-mail outsmartFat@yahoo.com.

ARC Health and Safety Services
American Red Cross is offering several courses throughout this summer. The classes include:
■ First Aid, Adult, Child, Infant CPR and AED, 6 – 10 p.m., Thursday thru July 22;
■ ARC New Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m. – noon, Thursday
■ Babysitting, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., July 23,
■ ARC New Volunteer Orientation, 9:30 a.m. – noon, Aug.18
Registration is available in the American Red Cross office located upstairs in the Moyer Recreation Center. For information, call 738-3670.

News and Notes Deadlines
Deadline for submission to Community Calendar is Friday prior to the next week’s publication. Announcements will be published on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit items for publication to christopher.m.selmek@us.army.mil. Each announcement should include who, what, when, where and a point-of-contact telephone number.

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Knowing options can ease pain of divorce

By ist Lt. Tobias D. Hunziker

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It seems like everyone is getting divorced these days; and not just celebrities like Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston.

The stress involved in the separation created by serving in Korea can put a strain on even the most stable of marriages. Army officials reported 10,477 divorces among the active-duty force in fiscal year 2004, a number that has climbed steadily over the past five years.

Area III is no exception. These days, the majority of the clients that come to the Area III Legal Assistance Office ask about divorce or separation. Here are some basics on divorce law to help focus your inquiries.

The U.S. Army cannot grant a divorce. It is important to realize that divorce law is governed by state law. If a couple was married in the United States, their best bet is to get a divorce decree from the state in which they were married. Keep in mind that laws vary from state to state regarding legal requirements for filing a divorce, as well as how marital and individual assets will be divided.

Contrary to a popular myth, it is not necessary for both spouses to “sign the papers” or to agree on every detail to obtain a divorce. However, a divorce proceeding where both spouses agree

on matters such as child custody and asset division will normally go much faster than a proceeding where one party either refuses to participate or contests the result.

This is where a separation agreement can come in handy. A separation agreement can assist a couple to determine the division of their assets and the custody and support for their children. Practically every state will recognize a separation agreement. This saves both parties considerable time and money in what can be an extremely expensive and painful process.

The local legal assistance office can help draft a separation agreement. Keep in mind that a separation agreement is not a license to commit adultery, and a separation agreement provides no protection from a criminal action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

If either member of a divorcing couple has significant assets, debts or real estate, or if they have children, it is highly recommended that they each hire a local attorney in the state where they will file for divorce. Sure, it may be expensive in the short term, but not having an attorney could cost a person dearly in terms of child support, visitation rights and asset division. If you have concerns about child visitation, pay a fair amount for child support, or have a fair distribution of debts or assets, it is best to consult a licensed

family law attorney.

On the subject of children, it is very important to honor whatever child support agreements are in place. The Army has specific requirements for child support, and if a Soldier is receiving any type of pay for dependents, they must ensure their dependents are receiving that pay, or they could face criminal penalties under both military and state law.

In addition, it will serve a person well to watch what he or she does and says as they go through the divorce process. Any reckless, out-of-control or vulgar behavior could be used against a person in court to depict them as an unfit parent.

If neither party has significant financial assets or children, and have only been married for a very short time, perhaps a *pro se* divorce is best for them. This is where one spouse files for divorce without an attorney, and if there are no children or complicated financial arrangements, this may be a good way to go. Most states provide *pro se* divorce forms and paperwork on their state court Web sites.

This article has been a very simplified discussion of divorce issues. Anyone contemplating a divorce should contact their legal assistance office to discuss specific issues and particular courses of action.

For information, contact the local legal assistance offices.

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BSRF is not marriage counseling, said Bloomstrom. It is marriage education. As stated in the 2002 Executive Summary interim report of BSRF, “While the Army has developed and deployed numerous programs to treat and respond to family and couple issues, the strengths in the underlying design of BSRF lie in a focus on prevention rather than reactive, crisis management.”

Retreats for couples in BSRF are called Strong Bonds retreats. This year, there are about 600 retreats scheduled Army-wide, each with 20 to 50 couples attending. For Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, there are weekend retreats. Active component Soldiers have one-day events and overnight retreats.

There has been a doubling of total Army divorces from the 2000 fiscal year to the 2004 fiscal year – an increase of nearly 5,000 divorces over this period. A year before September 11, total active-duty Army divorces were at 5,658 among 255,353 marriages. Divorces rose a year later to 7,049 from 248,180 marriages.

Bloomstrom said that the Army needs to focus on family well-being.

“We recruit a Soldier, and retain a family,” he said. “We need to listen to the other part of the fighting force which is the family that stays home and supports the Soldiers.”

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ESSAYONS 732-9008	Hithchhikers Guide to the Galaxy PG	Beauty Shop PG-13	XXX: State of the Union R	No Show	XXX: State of the Union R	Kingdom of Heaven R	Kingdom of Heaven R
HENRY 768-7724	State of the Union PG-13	Batman Begins PG-13	Batman Begins PG-13	Kingdom of Heaven R	No Show	No Show	No Show
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KUNSAN 752-4987	Mr. & Mrs. Smith PG-13	Mr. & Mrs. Smith PG-13	The Honeymooners PG-13	No Show	The Honeymooners PG-13	Unleashed R	Unleashed R



Kingdom of Heaven -- Balian is mourning the deaths of his wife and baby when his father arrives and asks him to join the Crusades in Jerusalem. Balian agrees, and embarks on the perilous journey. Along the way, he reveals his gifts of inherent goodness and fair treatment of all human beings. Upon reaching Jerusalem, a city where his meager beginnings no longer matter, Balian earns respect.



Unleashed -- Danny has been kept as a near prisoner by his "Uncle" Bart since boyhood; trained to attack and, if necessary, kill. Danny knows little of life, except the brutal existence that Bart has so crudely and cruelly fashioned for him. But when Danny has a chance encounter with a soft-spoken blind piano tuner Sam, he senses true kindness and compassion for the first time.



Batman Begins The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice and turn fear against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city.



Herbie: Fully Loaded Maggie, the new owner of Number 53 - the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own - puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR® competitor. Herbie's got some new tricks under his hood.



War of the Worlds Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. He's estranged from his family, his life isn't in order, and he's too caught up with himself. But the unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him in an extraordinary sense. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians which have come en masse to destroy Earth.



Mr. & Mrs. Smith John and Jane Smith are an ordinary suburban couple with a seemingly ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret — they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Amityville Horror R	The Longest Yard PG-13	The Longest Yard PG-13	Amityville Horror R	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	War of the Worlds PG-13	War of the Worlds PG-13	War of the Worlds PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Herbie: Fully Loaded G	Kingdom of Heaven R	Kingdom of Heaven R	Monster-In-Law PG-13	Monster-In-Law PG-13	No Show	War of the Worlds PG-13
STANLEY 732-5565	Unleashed R	Kingdom of Heaven R	Kingdom of Heaven R	Monster-In-Law PG-13	No Show	War of the Worlds PG-13	Monster-In-Law PG-13
YONGSAN I 738-7389	War of the Worlds PG-13	War of the Worlds PG-13	War of the Worlds PG-13	Kingdom of Heaven R	Kingdom of Heaven R	Unleashed R	Unleashed R
YONGSAN II 738-7389	War of the Worlds PG-13	Ice Princess G	Ice Princess G	Ice Princess G	Fever Pitch PG-13	Fever Pitch PG-13	Fever Pitch PG-13
YONGSAN III 738-7389	XXX: State of the Union R	XXX: State of the Union R	XXX: State of the Union R	Are We There Yet? PG	Are We There Yet? PG	Are We There Yet? PG	Fat Albert PG

We must choose between committing and contributing

By Chaplain (Maj.) David M. Lockhart
501st CSG Brigade

A farmer decided to have ham and eggs for breakfast one morning. He went to the barn and found his best hen and his best hog, and said, “I have got a taste for ham and eggs, how about it?” The hen responded immediately by delivering two fine eggs. But the hog hesitated. The hen turned to the hog and asked, “What is the hold up? This farmer takes care of us, the least we can do is give him some ham and eggs for breakfast.” “That is easy for you to say,” replied the hog. “All he wants from you is a contribution, but from me he wants a real commitment.”

Commitment is one of those “difficult” words we don’t like to discuss very much. Commitment has a way of making us feel uncomfortable. Perhaps it is because it asks too much of us. Commitment asks us to put our life on the line for something.

In our world today, very few people like to make commitments. When we look at the number of divorces, we see little commitment to marriage. When we look at the rising number of cases of child abuse, we see little commitment to family. When we look at people starving in the world, and no one wanting to get involved because of fear of entanglements, we see little commitment to humanity.

There is a big difference between a contribution and a commitment. To make his point more clear, Jesus shared with us the story of the poor widow at the temple. As Jesus and

his disciples sit by the treasury, they watched people put in their offerings. Many wealthy people came by and put in large sums of money. These gifts would attract attention, as others could hear the coins clanging as they hit the sides of the coin box. They wanted everyone to notice.

What we can say for certain about these people who put in large sums of money is that it was really no commitment for them. They gave

out of the surplus of their incomes. The loss of money was probably not even noticed by them. They made a contribution to God.

In the midst of these people came a poor widow who had two coins. She put both coins into the collection box. It was not something she had to do. The law only required her to put in one coin. This woman’s gift tells us a remarkable thing about her. She had made a commitment while others had made a contribution.

Area I Worship Services

Catholic	Daily	11:45 a.m.	Stanley Chapel, Stone Chapel	Protestant Gospel	Sunday	1 p.m.	Stanley Chapel
	Sat.urd	6 p.m.	Stanley Chapel				
	Sunday	9 a.m.	Warrior Chapel				
		9:30 a.m.	Hovey Chapel				
		11 a.m.	Essayons Chapel				
		noon	Crusader Chapel, Stone Chapel				
COGIC	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Warrior Chapel				
Eucharistic Episcopal	Sunday	5:30 p.m.	Stanley Chapel				
Latter Day Saints	Sunday	1 p.m.	Crusader Chapel				
Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Essayons Chapel				
		10:30 a.m.	Kyle Chapel				
		11 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel, Hovey Theater, Stanley Chapel, Crusader Chapel				
		noon	Castle Chapel				
		1 p.m.	Jackson Chapel				
		4 p.m.	Happy Mtn. Chapel				

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Jeju Art Park: Art and nature in harmony

Outdoor museum offers 100 acres of stunning sculptures

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

Jeju Island is renown for its natural splendor and teeming tourists but one destination has found a way to achieve “harmony among nature, art and man,” combining the island’s natural beauty with artistic creations to provide a relaxing place to ponder art and nature.

Covering more than 100 acres near scenic Mt. Sanbang, the Jeju Art Park sculpture garden features more than 150 outdoor sculptures by prominent artists. Other attractions include gardens, ponds, three rest areas, a children’s playground and an observation tower. The park also features indoor galleries, a gift shop, Korean and western-style restaurants, a café, and a pub. Parking is plentiful and free.

The Jeju Art Park is on the southwest corner of the island near Seogwipo city, a popular resort community along the coast road and 25 miles from Jeju City.

Jeju Island is located off the Korean peninsula’s southern coast and is about a one-hour flight from Daegu. Current round trip airfare from Daegu starts at \$131. Airfare for the 65-minute flight from Seoul begins at \$153. The short jaunt from Busan starts at \$119.

The park, also known as the Jeju Sculpture Park, is open every day of the year. Summer hours (July and August) are 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Winter hours (December – February) are 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The rest of the year, the park is open 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Individual admission is 4,500 won for adults, 3,500 won for students and 2,500 won for children.

For up-to-date information call the park at (064) 794-9680, or check out their Web site at: <http://www.jejuarts.com>.



PHOTOS BY GALEN PUTNAM

A family strolls through the expansive Jeju Art Park Sculpture Garden featuring more than 150 works of art by prominent sculptors. Mt. Sanbang looms in the background.



(At Left) Rusty rebar serves as the medium for this artwork. The sculptures at the Jeju Art Park come in a wide range of styles, sizes and media.

Above) The bronze “81-11 beach” by Kim Chang-hee celebrates the human form in its simplicity.



“Fishing family” by Yang Hwa-sun emotes everyday family life by capturing a universal experience in a work of art that interacts in harmony with its environment.



Warrior Boxing Competition

The Warrior Boxing competition will be at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House today. Weigh-ins and medical exams begin at 12:30 p.m. Competition begins at 7 p.m. For information, call 730-2322.

Company-Level Softball Championship

The 2005 Warrior Division Company-Level Softball Championship will be at Camp Red Cloud Field Wednesday thru July 22. The event is open to all qualified teams from camps Casey and Red Cloud garrison championships. The top two teams from this championship will advance to the 2005 Eighth U.S. Army company-level championship. Preliminary games will be Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m. The final will begin at 5:30 p.m. July 22. For information, call 732-6927.

Eighth U.S. Army Triathlon

The 2005 Eighth U.S. Army Triathlon Individual Championship will be at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House July 23. The event is open to active military, Department of Defense civilians and their adult family members stationed on 8th U.S. Army installations in Korea. Race day registration will begin at 7 a.m., with the competition following at 9 a.m. The triathlon will include a 400-meter swim, 20K bike course and 5K run.

Friday Framing Class

The Camp Red Cloud Creative Cuts Frame Shop is offering a free framing class every Saturday. Bring your own prints to mat and frame or let Creative Cuts do it for you, using the shop's computerized mat cutting system. Visit Creative Cuts Frame Shop at Camp Red Cloud, Bldg. T-25 or call 732-7355 for information.

Bowling Center Specials

The Camp Casey Bowling Center offers many special events during the month of July, including:
Purchase a Mean Glean's Burger combo meal or 14" pizza and get one free game as part of the free bowling program, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday thru Friday;
A 9-Pin No Tap Tournament is held at 2 p.m. each Saturday, July 16-30;
The Camp Hovey Bowling Center offers Dollar Bowling Sunday thru Thursday. For information, call 730-5168.

Submitting to TMCW

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Warriors challenge curves at RC track

Soojin Atwater

Area I MWR Marketing

CAMP RED CLOUD - The 90-degree heat and sticky humidity did not matter to Pfc. Thomas Webster as he completed the final checks on his personally built remote control car for the 1 o'clock race at the BOSS Park, Camp Red Cloud, on the Fourth of July training holiday.

"I just love racing. I like the speed about it and it is so much fun," Webster said, who has been building remote control cars for the last 3 months. "It can get expensive, depending on what you would like to build in your own car with, but I think it is better than wasting money and time on drinking."

As many Soldiers sought off-post activities during the Independence Day training holiday, five Soldiers from camps Casey and Essayons traveled to Camp Red Cloud to compete on the BOSS Park track for the grand prize, an RC engine boat.

"This is a healthy hobby compared to others," said Pfc. Yuri Barilo, 102nd Military Intelligence, Camp Essayons. "I like going to a Korean race track, the Kilina RC Car Circuit in Pocheon. I get to meet local nationals and to compete against Koreans' remote control cars. I enjoy it."

After the completion of five rounds, Barilo went home with the grand prize.

"If my budget allowed, I would like to provide Soldiers a compressor to clean their equipment, as well as a power outlet access to plug in the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above: Pfc. Thomas Webster, Co. A, 2/9 Infantry, Camp Casey, Sgt. Ruben Cruz II, 2/9 Inf., and Sgt. Kelly Murphy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, Camp Essayons, get ready for the competition at Camp Red Cloud's BOSS Park.

At Left: Pfc. Yuri Barilo, 102nd Military Intelligence, Camp Essayons, controls his remote control car around the track on his way to a first place finish.



compressor. Also a rooftop [over the track] would be nice during a

inclement weather conditions," said Mr. Kim Yong Hun, recreation specialist at Camp Red Cloud's Community Activity Center.

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center hosts remote control car racing at the BOSS Park starting at 1 p.m. every Sunday. A free lunch and beverages are also provided. For information, call 732- 6246.

Camp Humphreys readies for snow, Santa July 23

Mike Mooney

Area III MWR Marketing

CAMP HUMPHREYS - Soldiers, airmen, civilian employees and family members at Camp Humphreys are digging out their winter mittens, ear muffs and parkas.

There's snow in the forecast for Camp Humphreys July 23.

"Camp Humphreys rests in a rare tropical depression - something like the El Nino in the Pacific Ocean," explained Area III MWR Business Operations Division Chief Mike Ross. "This depression means we can expect snow at Camp Humphreys July 23, while the remainder of Korea is basking in 90-degree temperatures."

Ross is so sure that a snow storm is coming that he has planned a traditional Christmas buffet for the Nitewatch at Tommy D's from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the snow day. The menu includes turkey, ham and all the

trimmings and is priced at just \$9.95.

"We're so sure it's going to snow that we will be giving the Christmas Buffet to everyone free of charge if it doesn't," Ross said. "That's right - no snow and the buffet will be free. Our buddies at the 607th Weather Squadron tell us we can expect the snow to arrive between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Camp Humphreys time."

Santa Claus is also sure it is going to snow, and will be at the club from 11 a.m.-1 pm., taking early Christmas orders from all the children of the community, handing out early Christmas gifts and posing for pictures.

"Pull out the mittens, the snowshoes and hook your poodles to a sleigh," Ross said. "The snow is on the way, and so is Christmas. Oh, by the way: anyone with a Dec. 25 or July 23 birthday gets the buffet for free whether it snows or not."

Humphreys match seeks grapplers

Mike Mooney

Area III MWR Marketing

CAMP HUMPHREYS - Wrestlers from throughout Korea who want to test their moves will get the chance at a Camp Humphreys Wrestling Meet, July 23.

The Area III Wrestling Meet is open to all U.S. and Korean military personnel - to include people with or without wrestling experience. Civilian employees and family members are not allowed to participate by Army regulation.

"Wrestlers are matched based on their sex, level of experience and weight," explained Area III Sports Director Jim Howell. "This is a freestyle tournament, although we might hold some Greco Roman matches if there's an interest and if [we have] any wrestlers who are qualified to serve as referees."

Howell pointed out that the Camp Humphreys' competition is for both men and women from across the peninsula.

"Women's wrestling is growing in the United States, and there are even women wrestling in both high school and college," he said.

"I would especially like to invite those wrestlers from Areas I and IV, where there are active wrestling clubs."

Interested individuals may call the Camp Humphreys Gymnasium at 753-8810/11.

Weatherspoon named 35th ADA Brigade CSM

By Staff Sgt. Dave Enders

35th ADA Brigade PAO

OSAN AIR BASE – Responsibility for almost 1,400 Soldiers passed from one 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade icon to another in a change of responsibility ceremony at the Challenger Club, Osan Air Base, May 25.

Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Weatherspoon succeeded Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Rodgers, who accepted a nominative command sergeant major position with the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command that will stand up in Hawaii this summer.

Rodgers served as the senior enlisted advisor to two brigade commanders from January 2001 to May 2005. “Command Sgt. Maj. Rodgers is competent, loyal, fit, disciplined, tactically and technically competent, calm in the most adverse circumstances and most importantly, respected by all who know him,” said 35th ADA Bde. Commander Col. Kenneth J. Cox. “He has always been fully committed to the mission and our Soldiers, always balanced in his approach and always selfless in giving his time in support of both. He has epitomized the phrase, ‘mission first; Soldiers always.’

“Today the responsibility for the brigade has changed to Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Weatherspoon, no stranger

to the brigade and who has contributed to the success of the brigade over a period of almost five years,” said Cox. “It is no accident that he will now serve at the brigade level, and Command Sgt. Maj. Weatherspoon, it will be an honor to serve with you.”

“He [Weatherspoon] has been here with me from start to finish,” said Rodgers. “He’s the right sergeant major for the job.”

Of his 27 years in the Army, Weatherspoon served seven with the 35th ADA Bde., personally contributing to the brigade’s history at three separate duty stations and various operations ranging from operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm to operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. “I spent two years [with the brigade] at Fort Lewis as an operations sergeant,” said Weatherspoon. “The other five [years] were consecutive.” Over the last five years, he served as the operations sergeant major for both 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA Battalion and the 35th ADA Bde., and as the command sergeant major

for Task Force Iron Fist during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom before serving as the 2-1 ADA Battalion command sergeant major. “We [2-1 ADA Bn.] started Operation Clear Skies before going to OEF,” said Weatherspoon.

Weatherspoon said he believes he will be able to draw upon his experience in Air Defense Artillery to serve the 35th ADA Bde. mission well. “I worked together with all the brigade’s senior noncommissioned officers and most of

the senior officers at one time or another throughout my military career.

“I feel comfortable that we’ll accomplish all our missions,” he continued. “I will approach being the brigade command sergeant major as I have been approaching things since I’ve been a noncommissioned officer, by taking care of Soldiers and getting to know Soldiers, being out in the front and leading from the front, getting around and checking the training: knowing what’s going on.”



STAFF SGT. DAVE ENDERS

Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Weatherspoon addresses the Soldiers and other attendees at the ceremony.

MWR loses valued friend and worker

Korean employee Won Tae-yon retires with 40 years of service

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Won Tae-yon retired June 30 after 40 years of service to the Soldiers, civilians and family members assigned to Camp Humphreys.

Won, a 66-year-old Pyeongtaek native, began his career with the U.S. Army in 1965 with Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “While he spent his entire career with us,” said Larry Cox, MWR Financial Management Division manager and Won’s supervisor, “he’s spent the last 23 years at the same desk, as our accounting technician.”

While taking care of America’s Soldiers, Won has also raised two boys of his own. “My older son is in Germany studying music,” he said with pride, “while my younger son is also studying music, but has stayed here in Korea.”

“He’s taken care of us over the years,” Cox continued. “He’s been responsible for both the \$10 million non-appropriated fund budget and \$4 million appropriated fund budget, club and

business operations, impact card requests, petty cash, and key control. “He’s never missed a day of work or

been late once since I’ve known him.

“He has always been outstanding,” said Cox, “and we will miss him.”

When asked what he plans on doing as a retiree, Won replies that “I’ll get a job and keep working.”



ROGER EDWARDS

Won Tae-yon, Camp Humphreys’ Morale, Welfare and Recreation, retires after 40 years of service to the military community.

NEWS & NOTES

Town Hall Meeting

Soldiers, civilians employees and family members are urged to attend the next scheduled Town Hall Meeting in the Community Activites Center at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

ACS 40th Birthday Celebration

Army Community Serivces' 40th birthday will be celebrated from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 26 and 28, at the Army Community Service building, Bldg. 311. Call 753-8804/8401 for information. The event is open to the community and everyone is welcome.

Area III College Registration

Central Texas College and the University of Maryland begin Term 1 registration Aug. 1 at all Area III education and learning centers. Take the opportunity to enhance your professional qualifications and personal potential. For information call your education and learning center. Call 753-8901 at Camp Humphreys and Suwon Air Base, or 721-3425 at camps Eagle and Long.

Womens' Equality Day

Area III and Camp Humphreys will celebrate Womens' Equality Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 29 at the 2nd MFAB Dining Facility. Come for lunch (regular prices apply) or just come to hear the guest speakers – three successful military women. Everyone is welcome. Call Area III EOA at 753-3317 for information.

Area III Wrestling

An Area III Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. July 23 in the Camp Humphreys Gym. Participants must register at the gym by July 22. For information, call 753-8807.

Korean Language Class

Classes are offered from noon to 1 p.m., every Wednesday at the Army Community Service Building, Bldg. 311. Call 753-8782/8401 for information.

Korean Cultural Class

Korean Cultural classes are offered 5:30-6:30 p.m., every Wednesday at the Army Community Service Building, Bldg. 311. Call 753-8782/8401 for information.

Stress and Anger Management

Stress and Anger Management classes are offered from 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday at Army Community Service, Bldg. 311. Call 753-8782/8401 for information.

Camp visit bowls over students

By Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Thirty-four students from ShinHan High School in Pyeongtaek saw Camp Humphreys up close and personal Saturday. The students are members of the only high school chapter of People to People International in Korea.

They met 20 Soldiers from B Detachment, 176th Finance Battalion, at the Camp Humphreys Strike Zone bowling center for a couple of hours of bowling



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian McUmber explains the Longbow helicopter.



ShinHan High School students have a barbeque lunch while visiting Humphreys.

and getting acquainted. Following a barbeque lunch, the students visited B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Multifunctional Aviation Brigade, to view a static display of an AH-64D Apache Longbow.

Park Yung-wook, an 11th-grade student said, "It's different than I expected. I thought it [Camp Humphreys] would be smaller."

"I knew they had helicopters, but didn't know they had special helicopters," he added, referring to the Longbow.

Pilots, 1st Lt. Joseph Clark and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian McUmber, explained the Longbow's features and let the students try on their helmets and sit in the pilot's seat.

Clark saw the students' visit as an opportunity to "preserve friendship," while McUmber thought it was "good diplomacy" and perhaps a way to recruit future pilots.

Hwang Chan-kyu, principal, ShinHan

High School, encouraged the visit and observed that, "Students can understand what the U.S. Soldiers are doing in Korea and they begin to understand the Republic of Korea and U.S. relationship."

Park Jeong Jun, ShinHan High School director of external affairs and PTP chapter advisor, wanted to "show the students another world," during the visit.

Yu Joo-young, president of the ShinHan PTP chapter, expressed thanks on behalf of the other members of the club. She said she is looking for other ways for Camp Humphreys and the chapter to work toward PTP goals.

The purpose of People to People International is to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures.



Throwing strikes and gutter balls, the students of ShinHan High School and Humphreys Soldiers got to know each other a little better Saturday.

Shag-tastic

Shaggy (right) and band member Rik Roc sing to more than 200 Humphreys Soldiers and civilians who can now tell their own "Shaggy" stories following the June 30 Shaggy concert in the 52nd Aviation Regiment's hangar. The concert got off to an 8:30 p.m. start, but grew from there with Shaggy providing the best of reggae and rap to the appreciative audience. The weather was hot and so was the band, with the crowd bringing them back for an encore. After three hours of entertainment, fans got to meet Shaggy and members of the band for pictures, handshakes and signed posters and T-shirts.



Sign of Respect

Area III's top NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Frace, explains why the road next to the newly dedicated 52nd Aviation Regiment building (Building 581) is being named for the 1946 Bell H-13 Sioux helicopter during the June 29 ceremony. The Sioux was used during the Korean War for observation, reconnaissance and medical evacuation of wounded Soldiers. During the war, the H-13, known as the "Angel of Mercy," was the machine used to evacuate more than 18,000 United Nations casualties. It was one of the first helicopters used in this role and helped prove that rapid evacuation of the wounded from the battlefield to field hospitals would save lives.

Photos by Roger Edwards

Eric Chess

Roger Edwards

Summer Vocation

Students earn as they learn through seasonal hire program

By Eric Griess

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – More than 20 high school students joined the Camp Humphreys workforce June 27, when they signed up for the annual summer hire program.

The young people, all students at Osan American High School, Osan Air Base, assembled at Camp Humphreys Civilian Personnel Office at 8:30 a.m. to find out where they would be spending their summer. Although the students did not know where they would be working, each expected to achieve goals ranging from job experience to extra pocket money to having something interesting to do during the summer.

Earning five dollars-an-hour may not seem like much to an adult, but to a high school student it can be the best money they have ever made. For those who don't want to work the whole summer, there is an option for students to work for one or both sessions. Each session is four weeks long.

By the time school starts, a summer hire can earn anywhere from \$800 to \$1,600 more than they had at the beginning of the summer.

Most students recognize the benefits of summer hire. That includes Sarah Elkins who will enter her sophomore year this fall.

"You get to see how people work," she said.

Elkins joined summer hire because she needed some extra money and working at MWR has proved to be an enjoyable experience for her. Also, she said Michael Mooney, her supervisor, is a very



ERIC GRIESS

Cleaning up around the shop are two of the Camp Humphreys summer hire students, Sarah Elkins (left) and Heather Grayson, who are working for Moral, Welfare and Recreation. Elkins enters her sophomore year in the fall, and Grayson is ready for college. Their job at MWR is to assist at headquarters, and to design, produce and post flyers for special events. They are partly responsible for the success of the recent Camp Humphreys "Freedom Fest."

"cool" supervisor. Mooney has personal experience in the summer hire program.

"My children used to be in summer hire," he said. "If it's done right, summer hire can be a great program."

David Johnson, supervisor for Directorate of Public Works, thinks the summer hire is a good program also. Attitude is the most important thing for succeeding in the program in his opinion. "Summer hire students should think of work at work, not playing," he advised.

This summer isn't the first time that Edwin and Sarah Rodriguez have been in summer hire. Edwin, with three years of experience, enjoys his job and expects money and experience from the summer program. He does summer hire to "put something on my resume."

Sarah, with four years of experience, likes her job because "it's a fun, learning experience and you get paid for it." Even after four years of summer hire, Sarah says she wouldn't mind joining summer hire again next year.

Sybil Turner works in the Safety Department, and says that summer hire is "just something to do."

By the end of the summer all the students hope to have learned something valuable that will benefit them later on in life – a work ethic and self-discipline.

Mooney misses the summer hire students when they're gone. His advice to future participants is that "Work ethic is the most important thing in the job." To Mooney, summer hire students should end the summer with a workman like attitude as well as cash in their pockets.

Contestants take Camp Humphreys to Thursday night fights



F. NEIL NEELEY

Vernon James of the 43rd Air Defense Artillery unit at Suwon Air Base, gets a pep talk from his handler between rounds at the Boxing Smoker at the Camp Humphreys Gym June 30.

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Area III hosted a Boxing Smoker June 30, attracting the largest number of fighters yet, with contestants from camps Humphreys, Eagle, Casey and Carroll; and from Osan, Suwon and Kwangju air bases. With 26 scheduled bouts the results are:

- #1. Luciean Reid, 43rd ADA, over Brad Harris, 560th Med.
- #2. Anthony Marciano, 602nd ASB, over Dan Abe, 1st ADA.
- #3. Justin DeBrosse, 1st ADA, over Axel Marin, 602nd ASB.
- #4. Lonathan Ruiz, 602nd ASB, over Ricardo Hernandez, 1/2 Avn.
- #5. Allen Bazzy, 43rd ADA, over Vernon James, 43rd ADA.
- #6. George Bunton, 23rd Spt. Gp., over Eric Bryant, 43rd ADA.
- #7. Pedro Gonzalez, 602nd ASB, over Joseph Boring, 43rd ADA.
- #8. Saul Pelayo, 72nd AR, over Tomas Maysones, 602nd ASB.
- #9. Angelo Alarcon, 3rd Maint. Co., over Ray Dapat, 607th WS.
- #10. Josh Kidwell, 43rd ADA, over Brandon Young, 52nd Avn.
- #11. Charles Mason, 43rd ADA, over Anthony Lawrence, 527th MI Bn.
- #12. Amoni Suttice, 1st ADA, over Agnes Chu, 23rd Spt. Gp.
- #13. Elizabeth Rooney, 178th Maint. Co., over Maria Martinez, 23rd Spt. Gp.
- #14. Nichole Gibson, 3rd MI, over Christina Lewis, 1st ADA.

#15. Gabriella Aikan, 43rd ADA, over Zena Cruz, 249th MP Det.

#16. Destin Perdue, 1/2 Avn., over Bosung Seo, 35th ADA.

#17. Dan Sheninger, 2nd MFAB, over Gerald Henderson, 1st ADA.

#18. Steve Olive, 43rd ADA, over Perry Molden, 1st ADA.

#19. Matthew Okolski, 602nd ASB, over Christopher Clay, 178th Maint. Co.

#20. Alan Quartey, 178th Maint. Co., over Jonsi Earle, 1st ADA.

#21. Brandon Sledge, 178th Maint., Co. over James DeGroat, 52nd Avn.

#22. Andre Tate, 1st ADA, over Andrew Yang, 6th Cav.

#23. Jermaine Jones, 178th Maint. Co., over William Palmer, 3rd Maint. Co.

#24. Cody Smith, 194th Maint. Co., over Rory Fitzgerald, 304th Sig.

#25. James Sutton, 602nd ASB, over Chad Bates, 43rd ADA.

#26. Larrick Johnson, 52nd Avn., over Darrell Evans, 168th Med.

Uncontested winners are: Nieasha Wingster, Justin Deuel, Dexter Phillips and John Martin.

Area III Sports Director, James Howell said, "We appreciate the support of the 35th Air Defense Artillery, who helped in getting all the registered boxers to Camp Humphreys for the smoker. We also appreciate the excellent crowd support."

The next smoker will be held in late September or early October.

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Camp Carroll's MSC-K welcomes new commander

By Pvt. Park Kwang-mo

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – The U.S. Army Material Support Center-Korea welcomed a new leader as Col. Campbell D. Allison assumed command from Col. Charles J. Toomey in a change of command ceremony at the Camp Carroll Crown Jewel Fitness Center July 8.

Allison's most recent assignment was as a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington D.C. Prior to that, he was assigned as an action officer and division chief in the Strategic Mobility Directorate at Headquarters, Department of the Army, August 2002 – August 2004.

Toomey will become deputy executive director for distribution and disposal operations, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Allison was commissioned in the Ordnance Corps in 1982 as a distinguished military graduate from Bemidji State University, Minn. He enlisted and served in the United States Navy 1976- 1979.

He has served in a variety of command and staff positions including company commander and instructor at the Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; project manager, Medium Tactical Vehicle, U.S. Army Tank and



Col. Campbell D. Allison, incoming U.S. Army Material Support Center-Korea commander, receives the unit's colors from Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, commander, 19th Theater Support Command, during the change of command ceremony at the Camp Carroll Crown Jewel Fitness Center July 8.

Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.; maintenance officer, support operations officer, and operations staff officer in the 16th Corps Support Group, Hanau, Germany; deputy chief of Combat Service Support Division, Readiness Group Harrison, and logistics staff officer for the 205th Infantry Brigade, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; support operations officer, 593rd Corps Support Group, Fort Lewis, Wash.; battalion

commander, Combat Equipment Battalion-Luxembourg.

Allison holds a masters degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a masters degree in national resources strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He has completed the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Support Operations Course, the Army Command and General Staff

College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with six oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) and the Kuwait Liberation Medal Kuwait.

United States Army Materiel Support Center-Korea's primary missions include providing direct support and general support maintenance and supply support to the Eighth United States Army and other services, as well as maintenance and supply support on select Army Pre-positioned Stocks - 4 stocks from the Busan Storage Facility to the Forward Area Support Team at Camp Casey.

Other noteworthy missions are the theater's single Army Oil Analysis Lab and Theater Forward Logistics Division located at Camp Humphreys. The United States Army Materiel Support Center-Korea stands committed to providing premiere combat service support to the warfighter.

MSC-K's motto is "Two Nations - One Team."

Soldier shares English skills with local officials, residents

By Pvt. Park Kwang-mo

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – As part of a major metropolitan area, it is inevitable that the Soldiers, civilian employees, family members -- and in particular senior leaders -- of the U.S. Army enclave in Daegu will interact with Koreans. To make those interactions more fruitful, the Area IV Support Activity just completed a 12-week conversational English Class for local officials and residents here.

The Korean and American Friendship Conversational English Class taught by Sgt. 1st Class Eugene R. Sergi, Area IV Support Activity Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security operations and logistics non-commissioned officer, was held each Thursday from April 9 to June 30 with six Nam-gu officials and nine residents.

The class was part of an ongoing effort to provide English lessons to local residents, while strengthening Korean and American relations. In the past, students were typically the benefactors. This time around, however, at the request of Nam-gu (Daegu City) Mayor Lee Shin-hak, the class targeted several municipal officials and local residents.

"This is the most diversified class I have ever taken. You can see from a 19-year-old girl to a 70-year-old man. The gap between English abilities is big too," said Nam-gu resident Kim Hee-jin, a housewife. "I



Kim Dae-yup, a 46-year-old business women and student in the Korean and American Friendship English Class taught at the Nam-gu Office, presents instructor Sgt. 1st Class Eugene R. Sergi a gift during the class completion ceremony June 30.

appreciate that Mr. Sergi knew exactly each individual's English level and tried to improve his or her ability through one-to-one teaching."

The Korean and American Friendship Conversational English Class graduation ceremony was held June 30 at the Nam-gu District office. Col. Donald J. Hendrix, Area IV Support Activity commander, and Mayor Lee,

Sergi and his students joined to mark the occasion.

"This is a good way to establish and maintain a friendly relationship between the U.S. Army and the local Korean local community," Hendrix said during the class completion ceremony.

The Area IV Support Activity started the Korean and American Friendship Conversational English Class in September 2004 to support the United States Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program. The Area IV Support activity conducts a wide variety of community relations projects to foster positive Korean and American relations and goodwill. Activities include installation tours, tree plantings, sporting events and much more.

Besides teaching English language skills, the class offers students the opportunity to learn about American culture -- first hand.

"Different means just different. You can see a lot of things better once you get involved in Korean culture. The same goes for the Koreans once they get to know us better," said Sergi, who has spent 10 years in Korea.

Sergi starts each class asking students questions like, "What did you do last weekend?" or, "How are you feeling today?"

"I ask those questions to get something new and valuable from each person and share it with other people," he said. "It is a good way to understand different people."

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**AAFES/DeCA
Community Advisory
Council**

The quarterly Army and Air Force Exchange Service/Defense Commissary Agency Community Advisory Council will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at the Main Chapel, Annex, Bldg. S-260 at Camp Walker. For information contact AAFES at 768-7355 or DeCA at 764-5310.

Carroll Bank Hours

Effective Tuesday the Camp Carroll Community Bank's new hours 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturday. For information, call Benson Wilbur at 765-4997.

YS Summer Activities

Four middle school camps will be offered to 6th- thru 8th-grade students this summer. Camps are one week long and each costs \$25 including morning snacks and field trip fees. Camps include: Soccer Camp, Monday - July 22; Basketball Camp, August 15-19; Golf Camp, August 22- 26. For information, call Victor Taitano at 764-5721.

**Women's Summer
Workshop**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold a Women's Summer Workshop 10 a.m.- noon July 22 and Aug. 5 and 19 at Soldier Memorial Chapel on Camp Walker. No registration is required. For information, call Cheri Fochs at 010-8671-6061.

Customer Service Point

The Customer Service Point at Camp Carroll will be closed Tuesday - July 22. It will reopen July 25. For information, call David O. Arnold at 765-7153.

Head Start Class

The 19th Theater Support Command is sponsoring a Head Start class Wednesday - July 22 for all area IV Soldiers and spouses. The program includes two days of classroom instruction on Korean culture and language and one-day tour. Registration deadline is today. For information, call Stephanie Hendrix at 768-8596.

Vacation Bible School

The Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School will be 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. July 25 - 29 at the Soldier Memorial Chapel on Camp Walker. Registration deadline is July 25, but no registration fee is required. To register or volunteer, contact the Camp Walker Chapel at 764-4498/4673.

**ACS Birthday
Celebration**

Army Community Service will celebrate its 40th birthday 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. July 25 at the Camp Henry ACS, Bldg. 1103. For information, call Kiya D. Reed at 768-7610.

Area IV students receive scholarships

Defense Commissary Agency

Corporate Communications Office

FORT LEE, Va. - Four Area IV Department of Defense School System students are among 500 students worldwide selected to receive \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition as part of the Scholarships for Military Children program sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency.

One winner was selected from each commissary in Area IV.

The winners, announced by Alan Esperas, Taegu Commissary store director, are Angela Cho, Daegu, Robert E. Smith, Chinhae, Mary E. Edwards, Busan, and Marquis D. Newby, Camp Carroll.

"This program has been ongoing for many years, and it's a great opportunity for DeCA to give back to the community and be supportive of military members and their families," said Esperas. I look forward to it every year because it feels good to

help these young students get through college."

Senior DeCA officials agreed.

"We're excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a

success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency Chief Executive Officer Patrick Nixon. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded nearly \$4 million to over 3,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Winners were grateful for the financial boost.

"I wasn't expecting to win this scholarship because a lot of people applied for it, but now that I won, I'm happy that I applied for it," said Edwards. "My dad always told me hard work would pay off and I guess



Mary E. Edwards

now it did."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is posted online at: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the militaryscholar Web site.

AAFES implements 'Code Adam' alert system

Army & Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has embarked on an ambitious national program called "Code Adam" to help ensure the safety of its youngest customers. As part of this program, all Main Store Retail Managers and store associates have been trained in Code Adam procedures to help locate missing children.

"Each week thousands of customers pass through our doors - many of them with children," said Paul Stenseth general manager, Korea Capital and Southern Exchanges. "Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our customers, so AAFES has joined with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to implement the Code Adam program in its stores."

Code Adam was named after six-year-old Adam Walsh, who, in 1981, was kidnapped from a Florida shopping mall and murdered. The program gives Area IV PX/BX associates procedures to follow in the event a child is reported missing.

How Code Adam Works:

When an AAFES shopper realizes their child is missing, they should immediately go to any associate on the sales floor for assistance. The first thing the associate will do is ask for a description, including:

- Age, height and weight
- Hair and eye color
- Clothing - including coat and shoes

After getting the description, the associate will announce over the PX/BX public address system that there is a "Code Adam in Progress" and will recite the child's description. At this time, all associates, except cashiers, will begin searching the store for the child.

Some associates have special assignments, like watching the front and rear doors and checking the rest rooms. This ensures that these critical areas are monitored and avoids having a number of associates duplicating the work of others.

If the child is not found in ten minutes - or less if judged by the situation - the military police will be called. Even after the police have been called, however, the search will continue.

"This is something we hope we never have to put into use but it is important to have such a system in place in order to ensure the safety of our children," said Chester Hires, exchange business manager, Southern Exchange. "Even in a safe environment like we have here in Area IV, we must be prepared for any contingency."

AAFES is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and is directed by a Board of Directors who is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

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With the high rotation rate in Korea, it can be difficult finding instructors. After this successful iteration, however, Sergi is eager to return after the summer break to teach another class in September. He plans to introduce improved textbooks and continue the popular cultural activities such as trips to locations such as the Andong Folk Village and installation visits to Camps Henry, Walker or George.

Sergi encourages American soldiers to volunteer in the community activities saying, "Just do it. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about a different culture."

The feedback from students was equally positive.

"It was an unforgettable memory to have such a good class," said retired 70 year-old Yu Byung-gon. "We appreciate having this opportunity to learn English language and meet with American Soldiers."

Others agreed.

"I know Americans cherish their personal time. In this sense, I was really impressed that Mr. Sergi spared his time to teach after work without compensation," said Kim Dae-yup, a 46 year-old business woman and Nam-gu resident. "I am

proud that the U.S. Army stays in Daegu and participates in our community activities."

The Area IV Support Activity Good Neighbor Program received top honors in the 2004 Department of the Army Community Relations Award of Excellence competition for ongoing programs.

The USFK Good Neighbor Program was unveiled in January 2003 to strengthen the ROK-US alliance through positive engagement with neighboring Korean communities through a variety of programs and events.

728th Military Police Battalion welcomes new top Watchdog

By Pvt. Park Kwang-mo

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP HENRY – The 728th Military Police “Watchdog” Battalion welcomed a new top dog June 24, as Lt. Col. Douglas L. Ingros assumed command from Lt. Col. Steven L. Crowe during a change of command ceremony at Camp Walker’s Kelly Field.

Ingros arrives from Fort Hood, Texas, where he was the chief of long-range plans for the 89th Military Police Brigade.

Crowe, retiring after 21 years of service, plans to teach junior ROTC in Hickory, N.C.

Ingros received his commission and bachelor of science degree in administrative justice-law enforcement from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988 and a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University in 2000.

Ingros was commissioned in the regular Army as an infantry officer and was branch detailed to the Military Police Corps four years later.

He has served in a variety of command and staff positions including: rifle platoon leader and company executive officer of Company B, 3-22nd Infantry Battalion, logistics staff officer at 3-22nd Inf. Bn., 25th Infantry Division, Schoefield Barracks, Hawaii (1989- 1992); assistant operations staff officer of the 16th Military Police Brigade, commander of the 118th Military Police Company and commander of the 122nd Military Police Detachment, Fort Bragg, N.C. (1993-1997); plans officer and chief of criminal intelligence branch at the United States Army Criminal Investigations Command



SEBASTIAN SCIOTTI

Lt. Col. Douglas L. Ingros, incoming 728th Military Police Battalion commander, receives the unit colors from 8th Military Police Brigade commander Col. Falkner Heard III during the unit's change of command ceremony at Camp Walker's Kelly Field June 24.

Headquarters and operations staff officer at the 701st Military Police Group, Fort Belvoir, Va. (1997-1999); operations staff officer and executive officer of the 720th Military Police Battalion and provost marshal of the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas (2000- 2005).

Ingros’ military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Military Police

Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, Airborne School, the Pathfinder Course, the 82nd Airborne Division Jumpmaster Course and Air Assault School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (with one star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Haiti), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Iraq), the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the United Nations Medal (Haiti).

He has earned the Expert Infantry Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

First deployed to Korea in 1950, the 728th Military Police Battalion has provided law and order support, security of critical installations, and supplies within Eighth U.S. Army, and has prepared for a variety of contingency missions.

In October 2004, the battalion sent 68 Soldiers to Iraq for 110 days in support Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Soldiers preformed a variety of duties at the Camp Bucca internment facility in southern Iraq.

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Pentagon Channel adds new markets

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon Channel, a Defense Department news and information service, has added three new television markets to its audience.

Cox Communications affiliate stations in Gulf Coast, Fla., and Oklahoma City have added the Pentagon Channel’s programming to their line-up.

“The Department of Defense is appreciative to Cox for their commitment to our men and women in the military,” said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for internal communications and public liaison. “Carrying the Pentagon Channel provides vital information and communication to our military audience living in these local communities.”

The city of Peoria, Ariz., is also broadcasting the Pentagon Channel over the public airwaves. John Keegan, mayor of Peoria, is spearheading the efforts to broadcast the Pentagon Channel statewide on cable TV. Keegan said he feels the Pentagon Channel would be beneficial to the state because there are so many military communities in Arizona. The Pentagon Channel would also benefit the civilian community, he said, because not as many families today have members in the military, and therefore have less of an appreciation for what servicemembers go through.

The Pentagon Channel’s programming includes “Around the Services,” a daily half-hour program featuring news from top Defense officials and military services around the world; “Pentagon Channel Reports,” which airs Defense Department news updates; and “Studio Five,” weekly interviews with Defense Department leaders on top issues.

Other popular programs featured include: “Freedom Journal Iraq,” which highlights military operations by U.S. forces there; “America Supports You,” a campaign highlighting corporate and volunteer support for servicemembers and their families; and “Why I Serve,” a program in which servicemembers share stories of why they joined the military.

The Pentagon Channel is a public-domain broadcast accessible 24 hours-a-day to all cable and satellite providers in the United States. There is no fee for cable companies to broadcast the channel.

The Pentagon Channel hopes to reach even more military audiences.

“The ultimate goal is to let servicemembers watch the Pentagon Channel whenever and regardless of wherever they are,” said Maxine Teller, director of commercial distribution for the channel. Teller is responsible for getting the station on cable and satellite systems throughout the country.

Teller said that much of her efforts are focused on getting the channel placed on networks outside military bases.

“There are more people that have basic cable, so if we can get on that basic tier we are much happier,” she said. “The problem is they won’t give us the whole channel – only a piece. So if we only get four hours of Pentagon Channel programming, that’s great, but it’s not phenomenal. But if it’s the only way to reach an audience, then I’ll take it.”

Still, Teller has had great success with getting the station on cable networks around the country. She said most cable providers see the Pentagon Channel as a “huge value to their customers” and are “very interested” in its programming.

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Master Sergeant Promotion Board Announcement

A Department of the Army master sergeant selection board is scheduled to convene Oct. 4. Eligible noncommissioned officers must log on to the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center Web site at <http://www.hrc.army.mil> in advance. To make any data corrections, visit Charlie Detachment, 516th Personnel Support Battalion, Camp Henry, Bldg. #1685 or Camp Carroll, Bldg. T-125. For information call Chief Warrant Officer NaAngela O’Neal at 768-6957.

Fall Bazaar

The annual Taegu Spouses Association Fall Bazaar will be Oct. 1-2 at Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. Several new vendors will be participating this year. For information, call Christie Holmes at 210-6129 or Sherry Page at 210-6005.

Sure Start

The Taegu American School Sure Start program is accepting applications for fall 2005. Children must be four years of age or older by Oct. 31. Applicants must be military command sponsored and have ranks between E-1 and E-4. Class size is limited. Applications are due by Aug. 5. For information, call the school at 768-9501.

Camp Carroll Pool Hours

Hours for the Camp Carroll indoor pool are 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Outdoor pool hours are 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. For information, call Mark Juliano 765-8118.

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유전자 조작식품, 안전한가?

상병 서기철

21세기 들어 인구증가에 대한 우려의 목소리가 더욱 커지고 있다. 2025년 세계 인구는 85억에 달할 것이라는 전망이다. 매년 8천5백만 명이 늘어나고 있다는 이야기이다. 그런데 이들을 먹여 살려야 하는 농업의 현실은 막막하기만 하다. 급속한 도시화에 따라 농지면적은 감소하고, 곡물재고율이 줄어 들고 있으며 인구증가율을 감당할 만한 획기적인 곡물생산 대책조차 없는 실정인 것이다. 이와 같은 비극적 현실에 하나의 대안으로 제시되고 있는 것이 바로 제2의 녹색혁명이라고 불리는 유전자조작식품이다. 하지만 유전자조작식품은 유전자의 인위적 조작에 의한 위해성 문제로 뜨거운 논쟁이 되고 있다.

유전자 조작식품(Genetically Modified Organism)이란?

생산량의 증대 또는 유통 가공상의 편의를 위하여 유전공학 기술을 이용, 기존의 번식 방법으로는 나타날 수 없는 형질이나 유전자를 지니도록 개발된 농산물을 말한다. 즉, 제초제에 대한 내성, 병해충에 대한 저항력 등을 가지게 하거나 영양 가치와 보존성 등의 특성을 갖추게 하기 위하여, 해당 작물의 유전자가 아닌 다른 동식물이나 미생물과 같은 외래 유전자를 주입하는 방법으로 유전자를 변형시켜 만든 농산물을 의미하는 것이다.

유전자조작식품의 종류와 문제점

지난 1994년 잘 무르지 않는 토마토가 유전자조작기법으로 처음으로 만들어진 뒤, 끊임없이 다른 생물로부터 유전자를 빌려 와 박테리아의 살충유전자와 독성이 매우 강한 제초제를 뿌려도 죽지 않는 유전자를 지닌 콩, 옥수수, 면화 그리고 북극 물고기의 결빙 방지 유전자를 지녀 냉해로부터 자유로워진 토마토와 딸기, 잘 썩지 않는 토마토, 즙이 풍부한 당근, 보통 딸기보다 1만 배나 단 딸기, 엄마 젖과 같은 우유를 만들어내는 젖소 등 지금까지 존재한 적이 없는 작물을 만들어내고 있다. 그렇다면 그러한 것들은 우리에게 무조건적인 이득만 가져다주는가? 결코 그렇지 않다. 또한 이를 증명할 수 있는 연구결과들이 끊임없이 발표되고 있다.

과연 안심하고 먹어도 되는가?

1998년 영국 로웰트연구소 푸스타이 박사의 발표는 유전자조작식품의 안전성에 시사점을 제시한다. 이 연구소에서는 유전자가 조작된 감자로 쥐를 사육했는데 이 쥐의 주요장기가 정상이 아니었고 면역기능이 약화되었으며 심지어 뇌가 정상보다 작아졌다는 것이다. 이 실험결과를 발표한 푸스타이 박사는 이 연구소로부터 해고당했다. 어쨌든 쥐가 인간과 생체의 특징이 비슷하기 때문에 이 결과가 쥐의 이야기로만 끝나지 않는다는 것은 분명해졌다. 우리 나라에서는 지난 1998년 12월 유전자조작이 의심되는 콩이 국내에 처음으로 반입되어

문제가 된 일이 있다. 제초제를 이겨낼 수 있는 힘을 가진 유전자가 들어간 이 콩이 인체에 해롭지 않으리라는 과학자들의 설명이 있었지만 단지 이 콩이 제초제에 견딜 수 있는 힘을 지녔기 때문에 오히려 다른 콩들보다 제초제에 더 많이 노출되었을 가능성이 있다. 따라서 잔류농약이 다른 정상적인 콩에 비해서 많을 수 있다.

더 나아가 미생물의 유전자를 이용한 식품들이 늘어날 경우 이것을 인간이 굳이 섭취하지 않더라도 이들의 환경 오염으로 인해 뇌막염과 같은 위험한 질병을 치료하기 어려워질 가능성, 즉 항생제에 대한 내성을 높일 가능성과 면역체계 이상에 의한 새로운 알레르기 발생할 가능성이 있다.

유전자조작작물과 생태계

유전공학에 의한 품종 개량이 전통적인 육종학의 방법과 다른 점이 바로 여기에서 드러난다. 전통적인 육종학은 인간이 여러 품종들을 교배해 새로운 품종을 개발했다 하더라도 선택권은 자연에 있었다. 즉, 자연에 적응되는 품종들만이 살아남고 자연에 어떤 위해도 끼치지 않는다는 말이다. 그러나 유전공학에 의한 품종개량은 인간이 선택한다는 데에 그 차이점이 있다. 자연과의 친화나 자연에의 적응과 자연의 새로운 작물에 의한 적응 등은 별개의 문제가 되지 않는다. 하나의 문제 해결, 무르지 않는 작물, 제초제에 강한 작물, 당도가 높은 작물과 같이 연구 현안의 해결만이 최대 과제가 되기 때문이다.

거대기업이 독점하고 있는 유전공학연구

곡물기업을 포함한 거대 화학회사, 제약업체들이 이 유전자조작을 위한 연구를 독점하고 있다. 특히 곡물기업들은 세계의 식량 생산물 거래를 거의 독점하다시피 하고 있기 때문에 이들에 의해 생산되는 유전자조작농산물을 거부할 수 없다. 또 식량 자급률이 낮아지고 있는 상황에서 거대 곡물기업에 의한 '식량무기화'의 가능성이 점점 더 커지고 있는 것도 결코 간과되어서는 안 되는 현실이다. 따라서 제2의 녹색혁명이라고 불리우는 이 유전자조작농산물 생산은 결국 거대 기업의 '황금알을 낳는 거위'에 지나지 않고 많은 사람들은 여전히 기아에서 허덕일 것이라는 전망이다. 즉, 유전공학으로 아무리 식량 생산이 늘어나도 인류의 굶주림은 해결하지 못할 것이라는 이야기이다.

인류의 복지를 위해 자연을 조작하고 변형하는 것이 가능하다는 17세기 프랜시스 베이컨의 주장 이래, 과학자는 자연을 지배하였고 이제 창조를 위한 단계로 올라서려 하고 있다. 하지만 이런 '창조적 행위'가 정당한가 하는 문제는 자연의 입장에서 다시 한번 생각해 볼 일이다.

This article is about
"Genetically Modified
Organism".

Learn Korean Easily



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"Bit-geel oon-joen
jo-sheem-hah-seh-yo."
"Please care for driving in the rain."

Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
g	n	d	r, l	m	b	sh, s	ng	j	ch	k	t
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ			ㅃ			ㅆ			ㅊ
gg		dd			bb			ss			jj
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ			
ah	yah	oe	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue			ee
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅡ			
eh	yeh		yeh	weh	wah	wuh	wee	ui			

Word of the week

사고

ㅅ ; s, ㅏ ; ah /
ㅑ ; g, ㅗ ; oh
'sah-goh'

accident

The phrase of the week

"There are many car accidents."

차 사고 많이 나요.

Chah sah-goh mah-nee nah-yo.

car

accidents

many

There are

Conversation of the week

비가 많이 와요.

A lot of rain is coming.

Bee-gah mah-nee wah-yo.

홍수 나겠어요.

There may be a flood.

Hong-soo nah-geh-soe-yo.

(교통)이 걱정됩니다.

We are concerned about traffic.

(Gyo-tohng)-ee

goek-joeng-eem-nee-dah.

산사태도요.

A landslide, too.

Sahn-sah-teh-doh-yo.

안전에 대비합시다.

Let's prepare for safety.

Ahn-joen-eh

deh-bee-hahp-see-dah.

네.

Sure.

Neh.

(건강)(goen-gahng) (health)

(정전)(joeng-joen) (power outage)

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